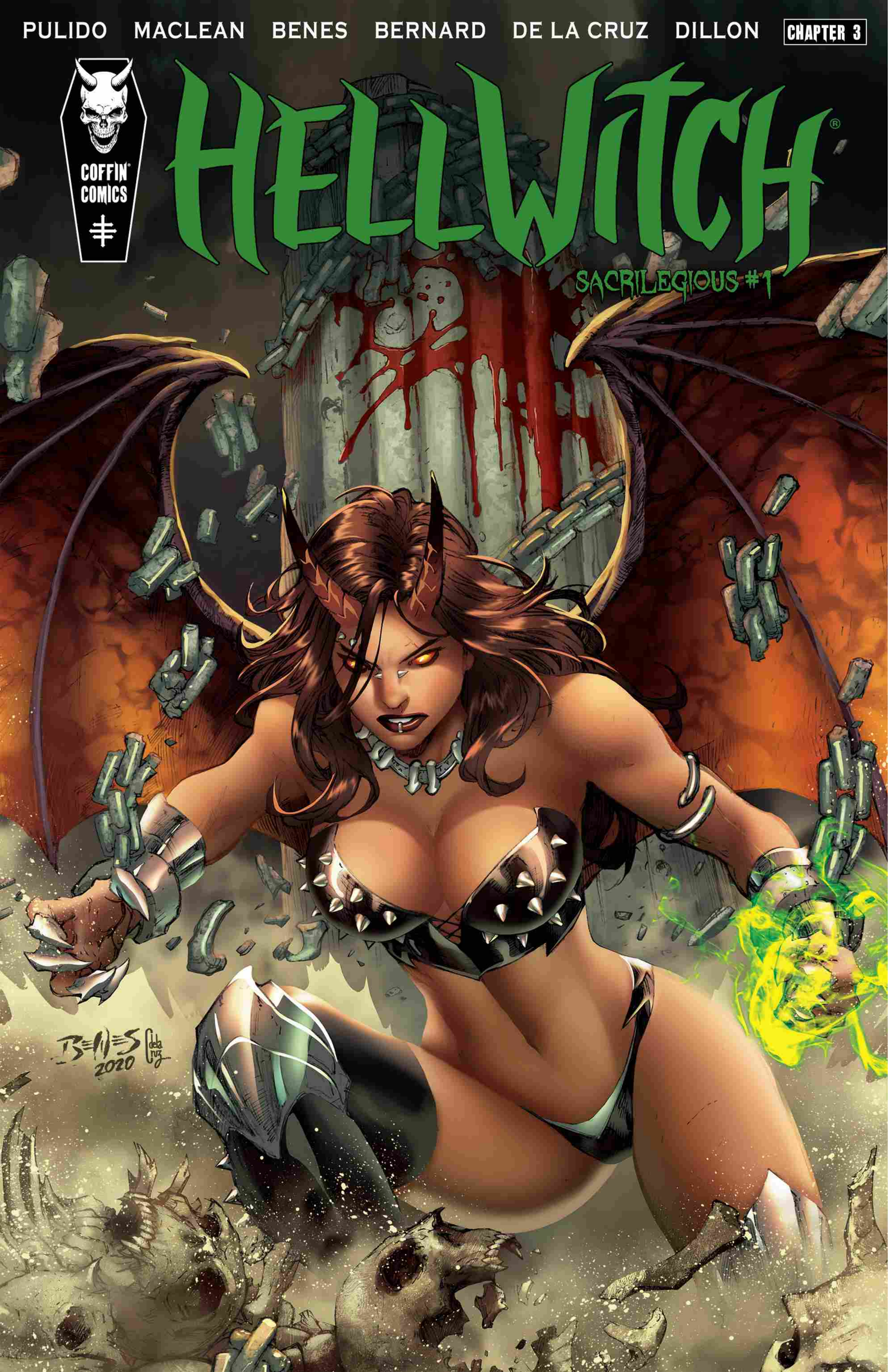




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THE STORY SO FAR

To avenge her murdered lover, Hellwitch slaughtered a queen and burnt her own hive to the ground. She Wandered the wastelands, vanquished old enemies. She loved, and lost again. But that was then. This is now --

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The ruined city of Dis.

NOW...

I VOWED NEVER
TO RUN AGAIN.

I DIDN'T DIG MY WAY
OUT OF THE STINKING
PAIN PITS TO BECOME
SOMEONE'S PREY.

I SACRIFICED TOO MUCH
TO LET THAT HAPPEN.
FORGED MYSELF INTO A
WARRIOR...A SORCERESS.

HEY,
SEXY. WHERE
YA GOIN'?

STANDING IN THE ASHES OF DIS,
I TOLD MYSELF, FROM THIS
MOMENT FORTH, I WILL BE THE
HUNTER, NEVER THE HUNTED.



THEN I MET
THIS ASSHOLE.

IT'S BEGINNING
TO FEEL LIKE
YOU'RE TRYING
TO AVOID ME.

HEHEHEHEHEHE

ATROCITAS...AN
UNHOLY OFFSPRING OF
ANGEL AND DEMON.

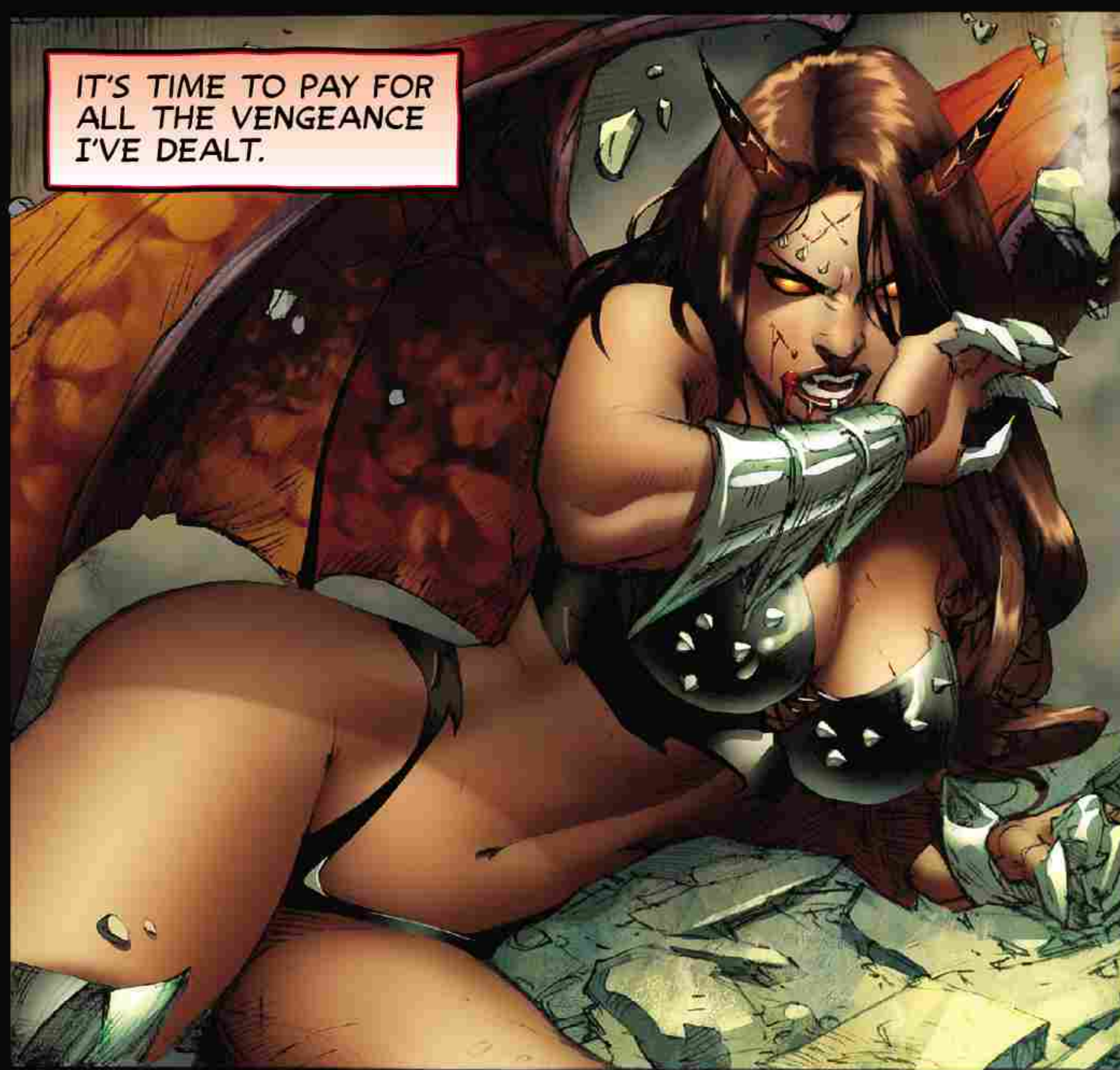
EVEN IN A REALM FULL OF
CUTTHROATS AND KILLERS,
HE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF
HELL'S MOST LETHAL BOUNTY
HUNTERS AND ASSASSINS.

HE'S ALSO
COMPLETELY
INSANE.



THE MOMENT MY BODY HITS
THE GROUND, I'M STRUCK
WITH A COLD REALIZATION.

THE PRICE
IS DUE.



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR
ALL THE VENGEANCE
I'VE DEALT.



WHO
SENT
YOU?



WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT
GONNA ASK
ABOUT MY
BEAUTIFUL NEW
FACE? SIGH.
FINE...

WHO SENT ME
YOU ASK? WHY YA
WANNA KNOW, GIRLIE?
SO YOU CAN KNEEL
BEFORE THEM? SO YOU
CAN BEG THEM FOR
MERCY?



NO, SO I
KNOW WHO TO
BUTCHER.



OOOOH, NICE
LIGHTSHOW.

YA GOT
ANYMORE TRICKS,
HELLIE?



HERE'S ONE,
YOU HALF BREED
FREAK.

ARGGGGGG!

BITCH!
THAT ACTUALLY
HURT. YOU'RE LUCKY
MY BOSSES WANT
YOU IN ONE
PIECE.

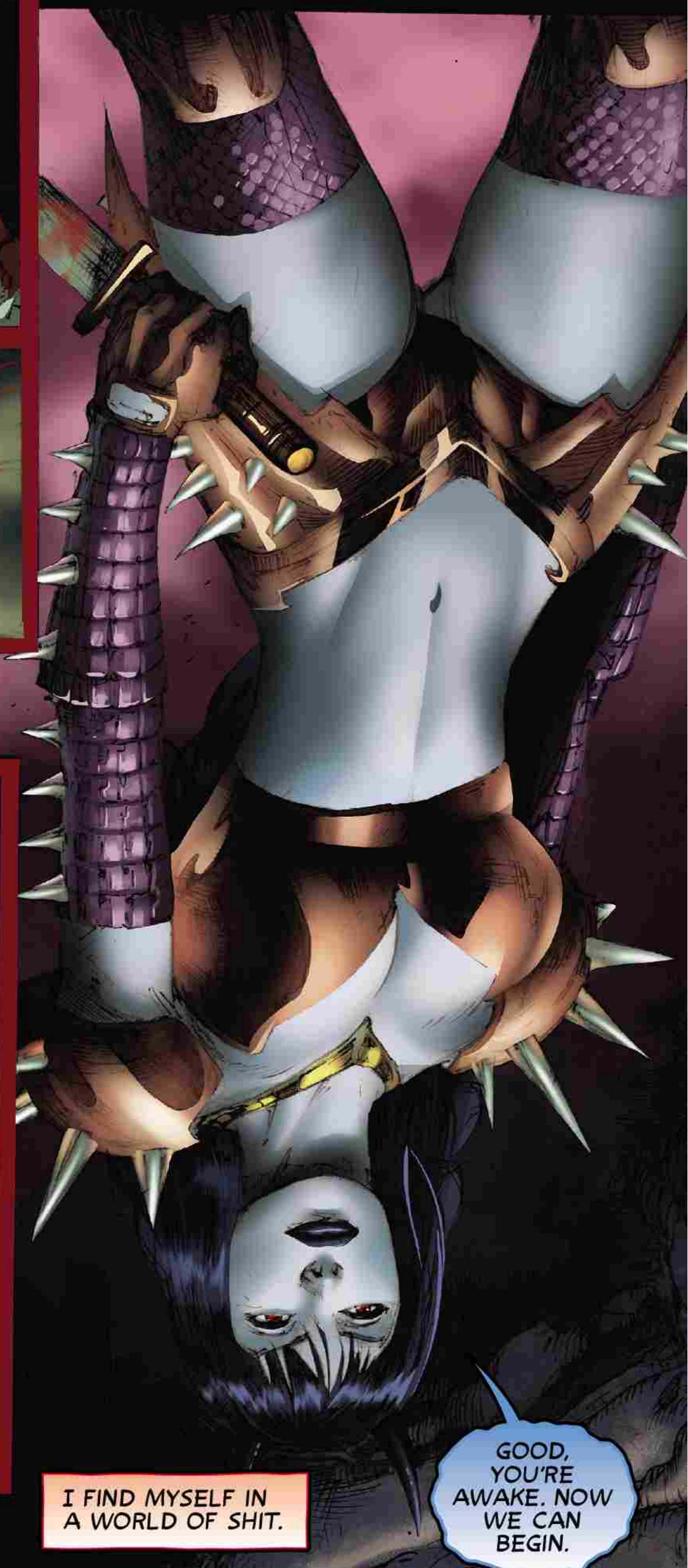
NIGHTY
NIGHT.

CRUNCH

DARKNESS CRASHES
OVER ME LIKE A WAVE.



AND WHEN THE
WAVE RECEDES...



I FIND MYSELF IN
A WORLD OF SHIT.

GOOD,
YOU'RE
AWAKE. NOW
WE CAN
BEGIN.



MY NAME
IS YOKAI, SERVANT
OF THE KILLZAN
HIVE.

I KNOW OF THE
KILLZAN. I'VE SENT
SCORES OF YOUR KIND
TO THE PAIN PITS. BUT
I'VE NEVER HEARD
YOUR NAME. AND
I DON'T CARE TO
KNOW IT NOW.

RELEASE
ME FROM
THESE BONDS
AND YOU'LL SPARE
YOURSELF A
WORLD OF
AGONY.

AH.
THERE'S THAT
BRAVADO I'VE
HEARD SO MUCH
ABOUT. GO AHEAD,
WITCH. DO YOUR
WORST.

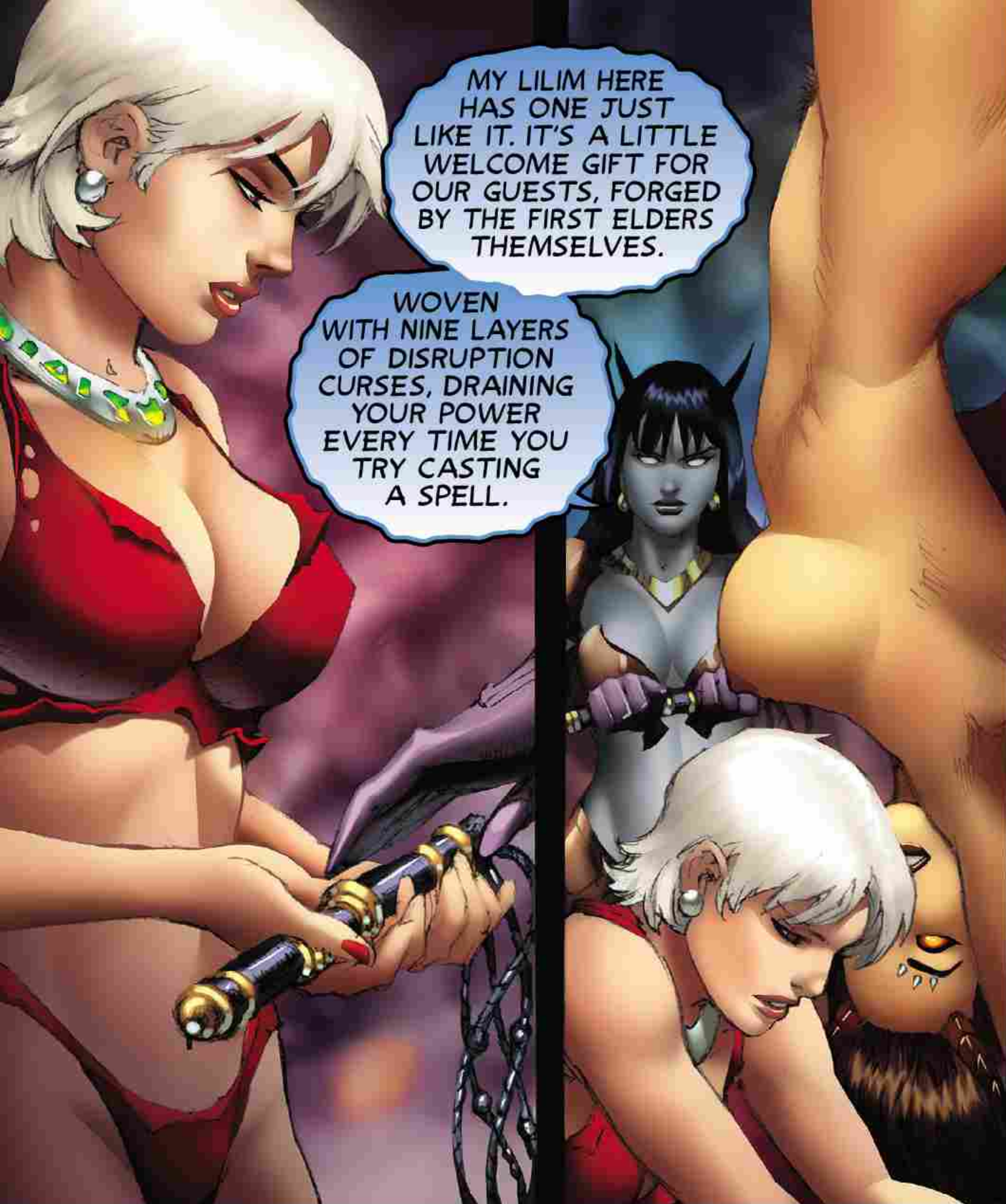
YOU'LL
REGRET
THAT.

COQUITE
IN SANGUINE
SUO.*

I'M AFRAID
YOUR MAGICK IS
NO GOOD HERE.
EVEN THE TRICKS
THAT BASTARD
SÉANCE TAUGHT
YOU.

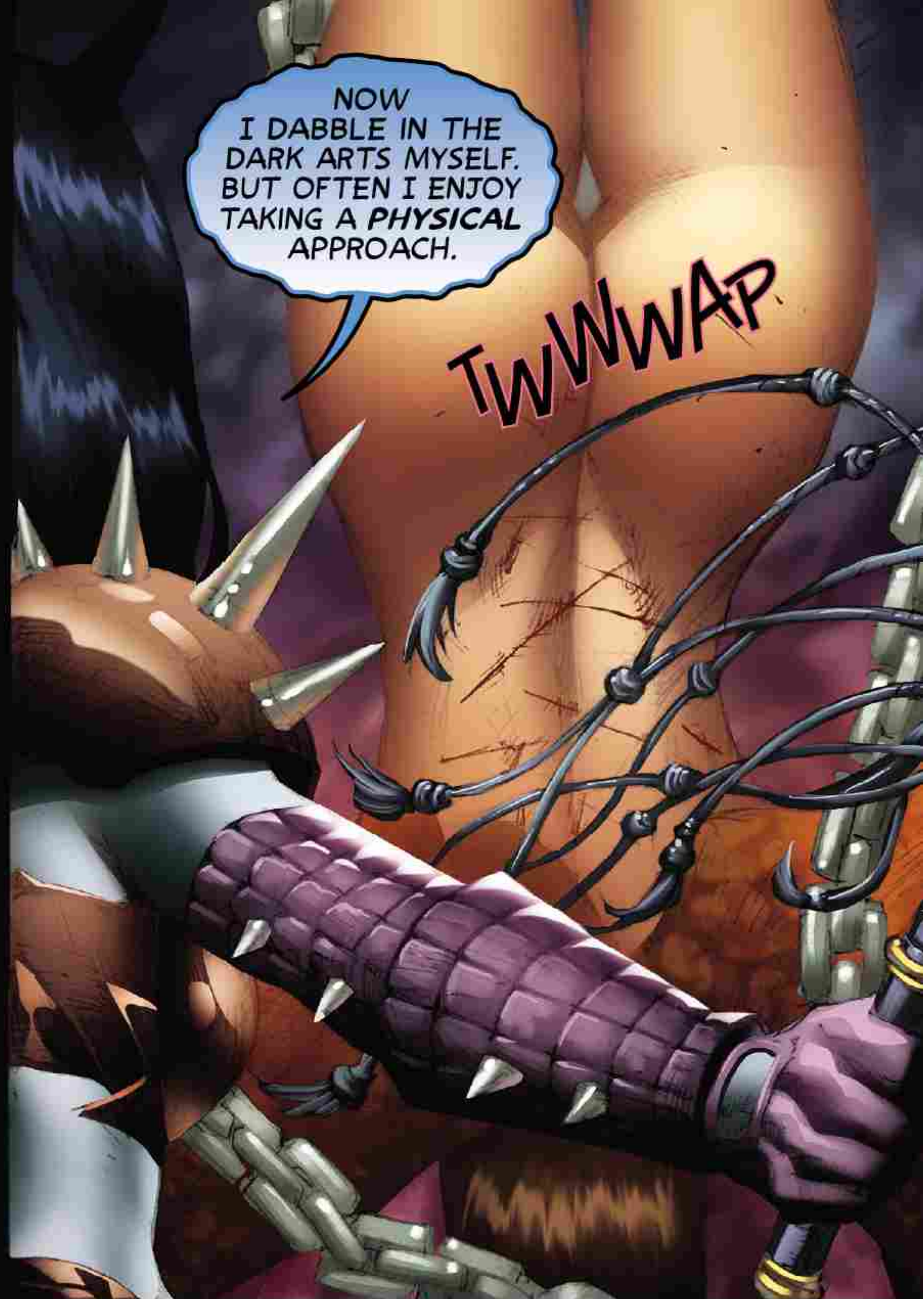
*BOIL HER BLOOD.

DO YOU
FEEL THAT BAND
AROUND YOUR
THROAT?



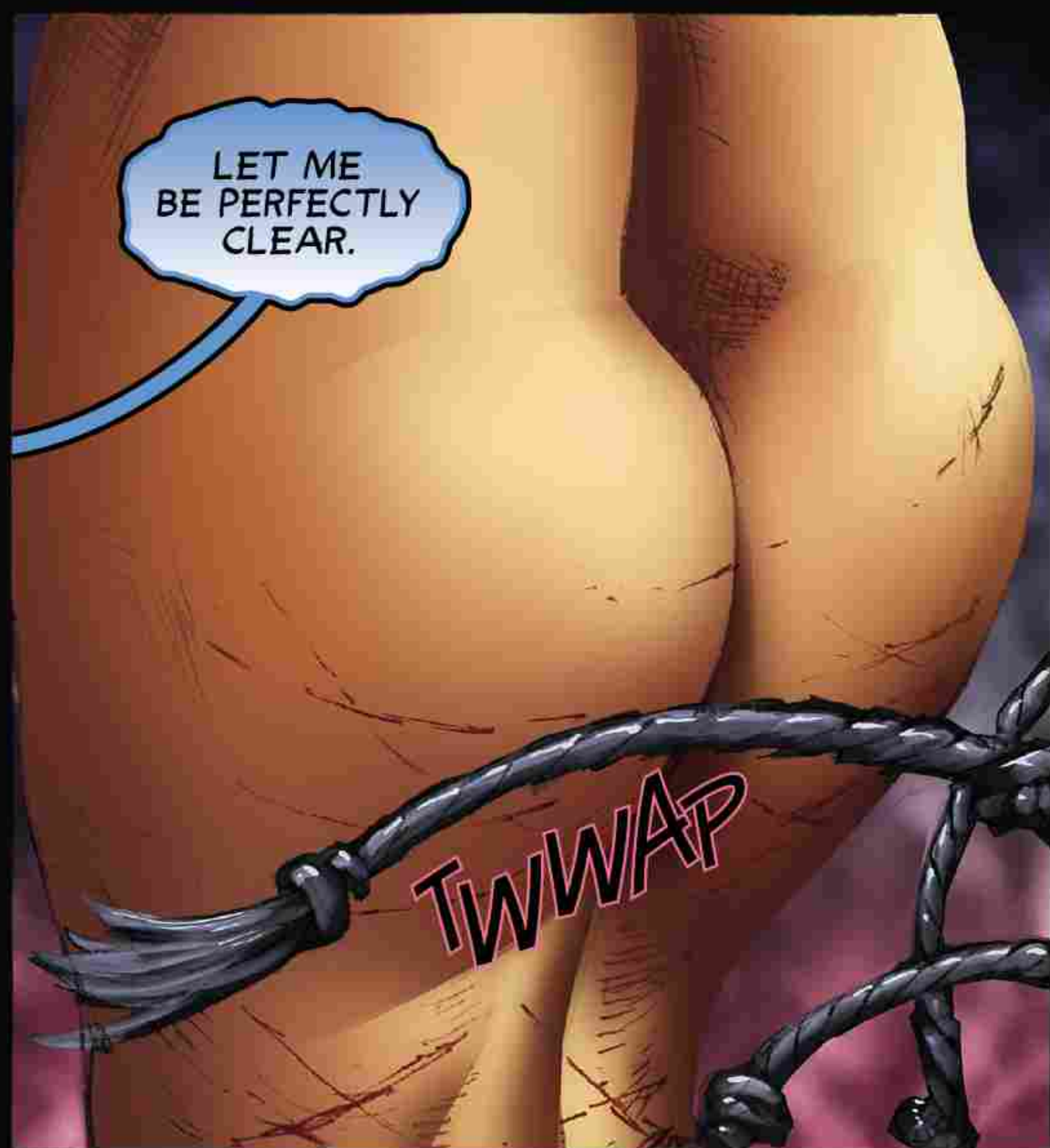
MY LILIM HERE HAS ONE JUST LIKE IT. IT'S A LITTLE WELCOME GIFT FOR OUR GUESTS, FORGED BY THE FIRST ELDERS THEMSELVES.

WOVEN WITH NINE LAYERS OF DISRUPTION CURSES, DRAINING YOUR POWER EVERY TIME YOU TRY CASTING A SPELL.



NOW I DABBLE IN THE DARK ARTS MYSELF. BUT OFTEN I ENJOY TAKING A **PHYSICAL** APPROACH.

TWWWAP



LET ME BE PERFECTLY CLEAR.

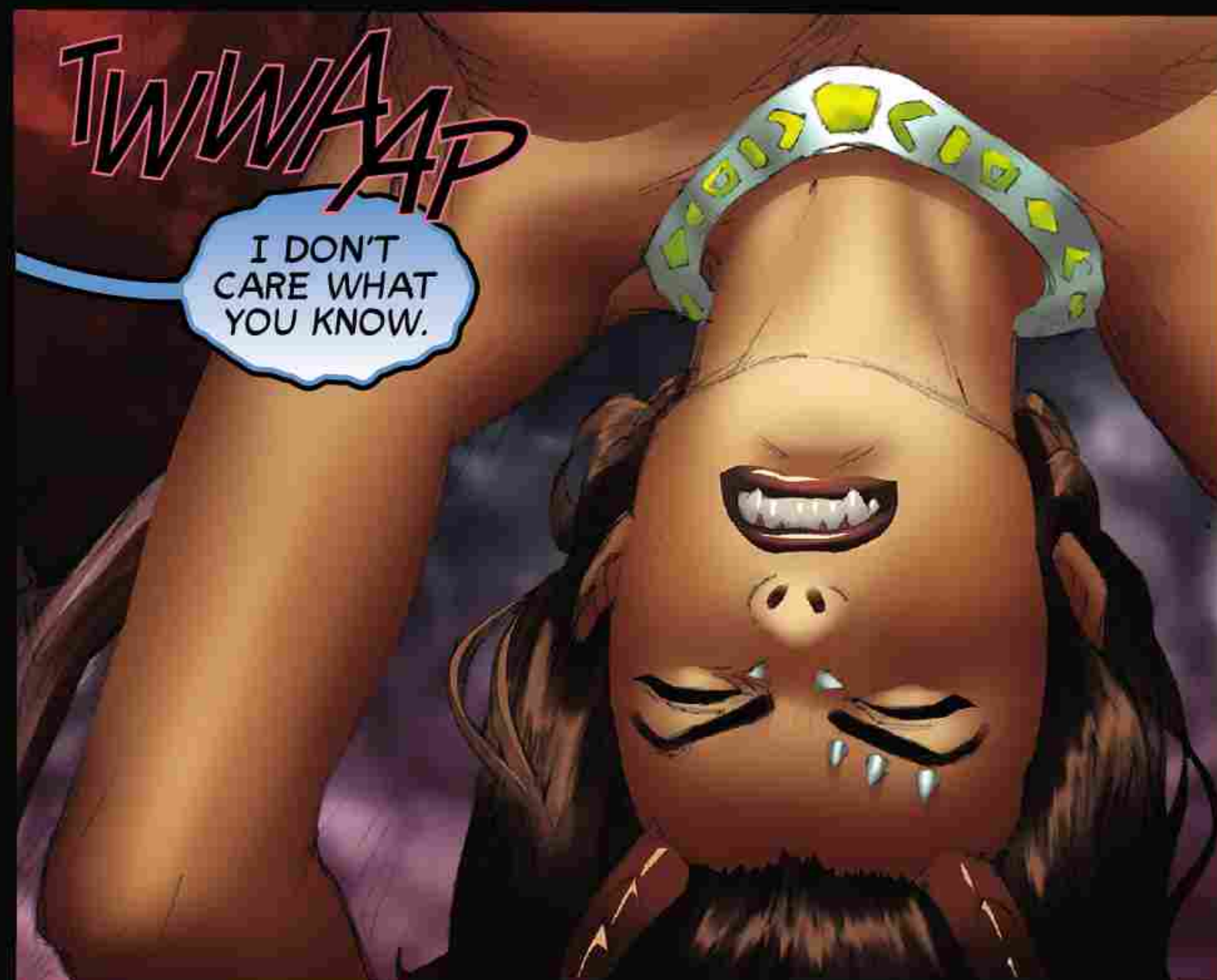
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THIS IS **NOT** AN INTERROGATION.



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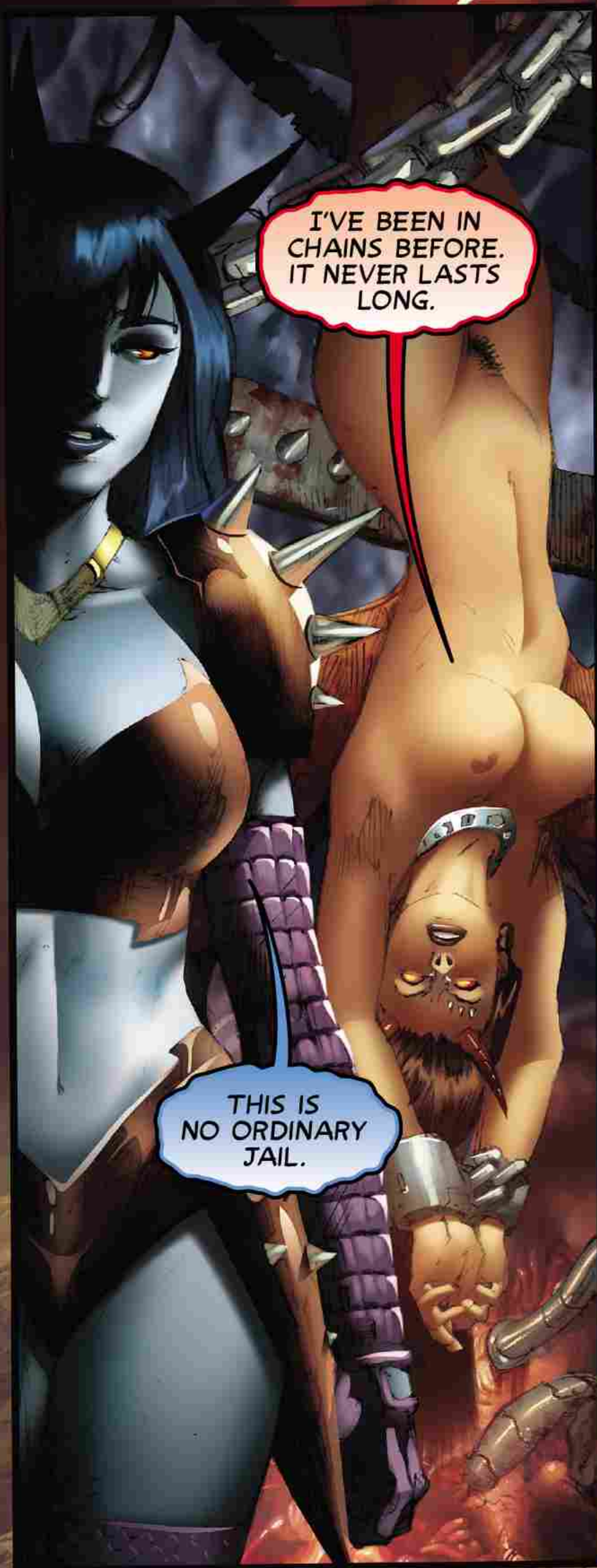
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU KNOW.



I'M HURTING YOU FOR ONE REASON, AND ONE REASON ALONE.



BECAUSE
I CAN.



I'VE BEEN IN
CHAINS BEFORE.
IT NEVER LASTS
LONG.

THIS IS
NO ORDINARY
JAIL.



"YOU FIND YOURSELF
IN TORMENTIA PRISON.

"IN THE BELLY OF
THE GREAT SLEEPING
WORM *NIDHOGG*.

"ONLY THROUGH
THE WORM'S
GAPPING MOUTH
CAN ONE HOPE
TO ESCAPE.

"BUT YOUR JAILORS HAVE
SPARED NO EXPENSE, HIRING
THE MAD ASSASSIN ATROCITAS
TO STAND WATCH."



HE HE

HEHE HEHE



SO YOU SEE,
THERE IS NO
ESCAPE.

MY ONLY
DESIRE IS TO
DRIVE THE
DAMNED AND
DEMONIC FROM
OUR SACRED
REALM.

OH,
I DON'T
KNOW?

COULD IT BE
THE THOUSANDS OF
HELLBOURNE WARRIORS
YOU BURNED TO ASH
DURING YOUR LITTLE
REBIRTH?

SO
WHY AM
I FUCKING
HERE?



OR MAYBE IT'S
YOUR FAILURE TO
PROTECT OUR
ELDERS FROM LADY
DEATH AND HER
FILTHY EARTHER
ALLIES.

WHATEVER YOUR
CRIME, THE NEW COUNCIL
WANTS TO MAKE AN
EXAMPLE OF YOU.

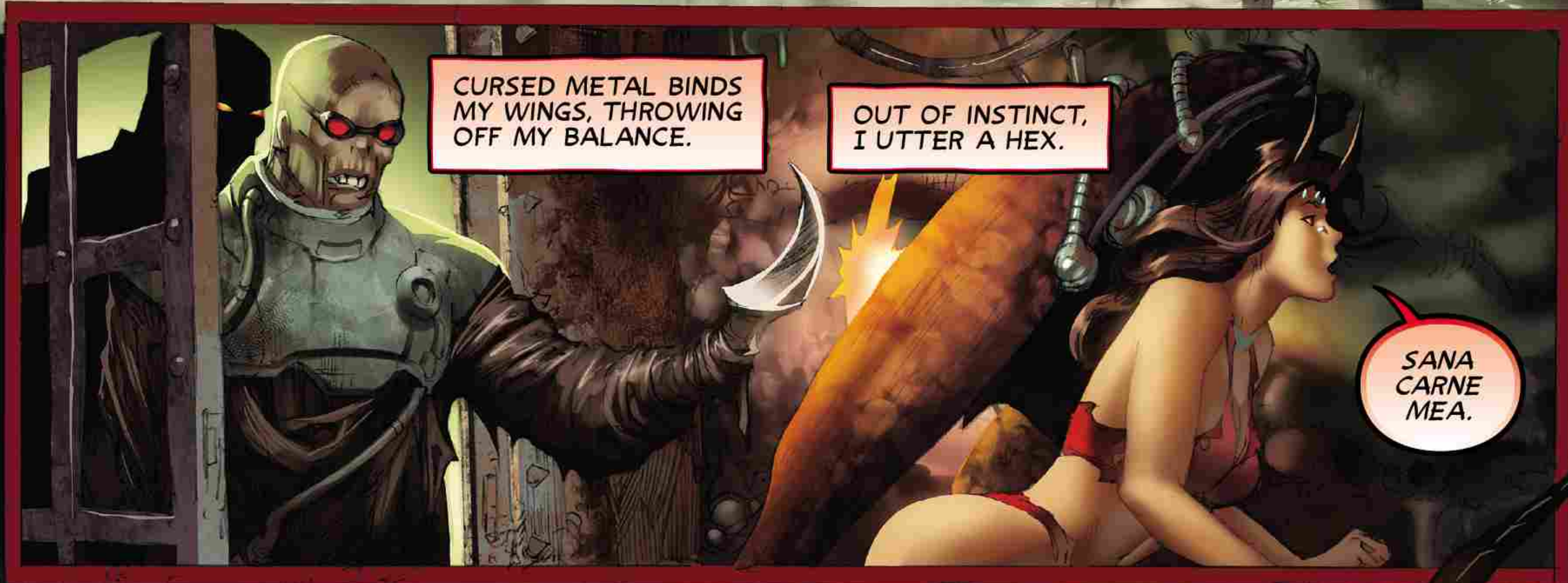


SO FEEL
FREE TO
SCREAM.



THE GUARDS TAKE THEIR
TIME WITH ME. BUT I
NEVER SCREAM. I WON'T
GIVE THE SCUM THE
SATISFACTION.

WHEN THEY'VE HAD THEIR
FILL OF DEPRAVED FUN,
THEY DRESS ME IN RAGS
AND DRAG ME TO MY CELL.

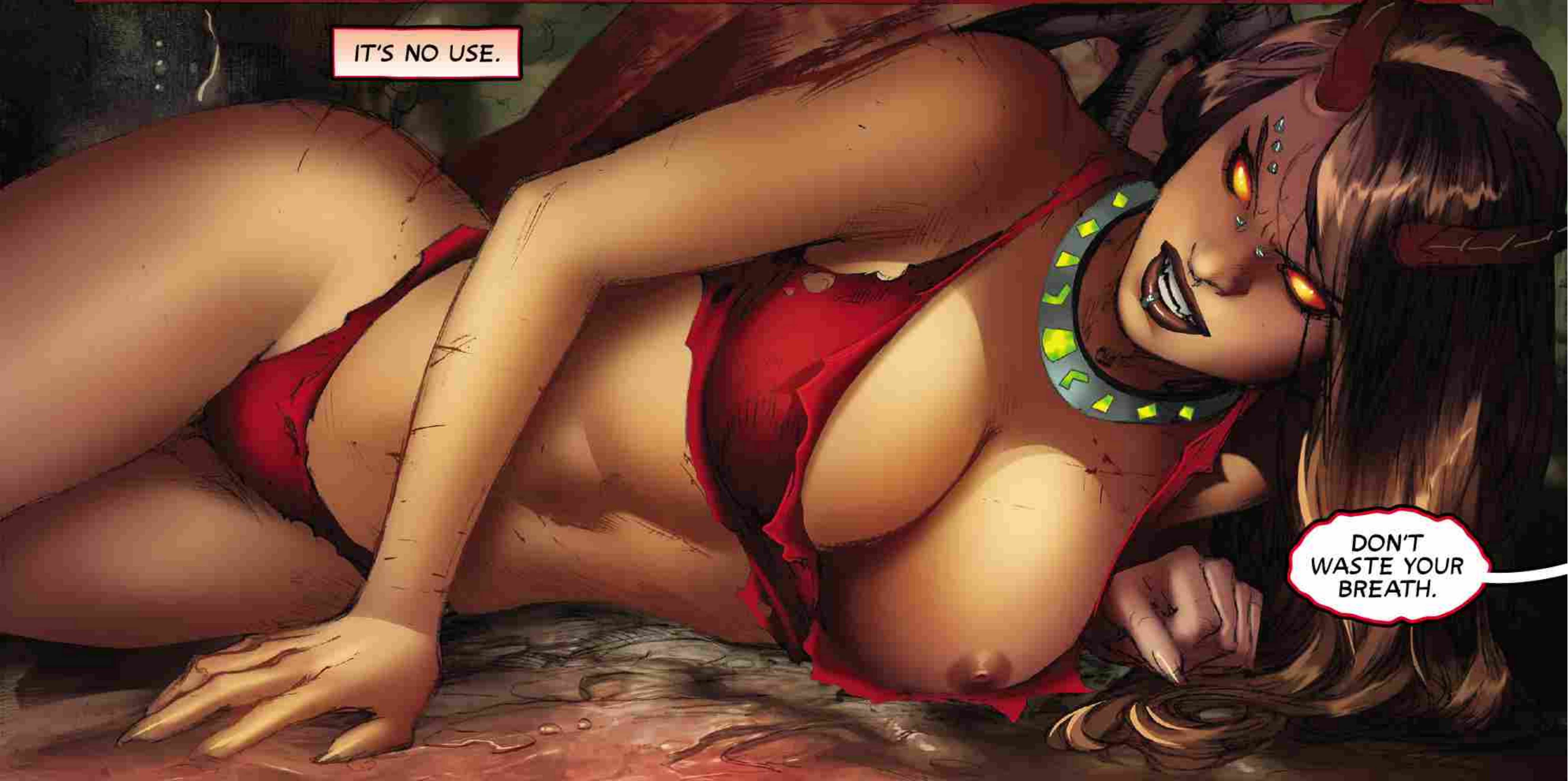


CURSED METAL BINDS
MY WINGS, THROWING
OFF MY BALANCE.

OUT OF INSTINCT,
I UTTER A HEX.

SANA
CARNE
MEA.

IT'S NO USE.



DON'T
WASTE YOUR
BREATH.



THESE
BANDS WILL
FUCK UP ANY
INCANTATION
YOU CAN UTTER,
EVEN HEALING
SPELLS.

I'M
KASS,
BY THE
WAY.

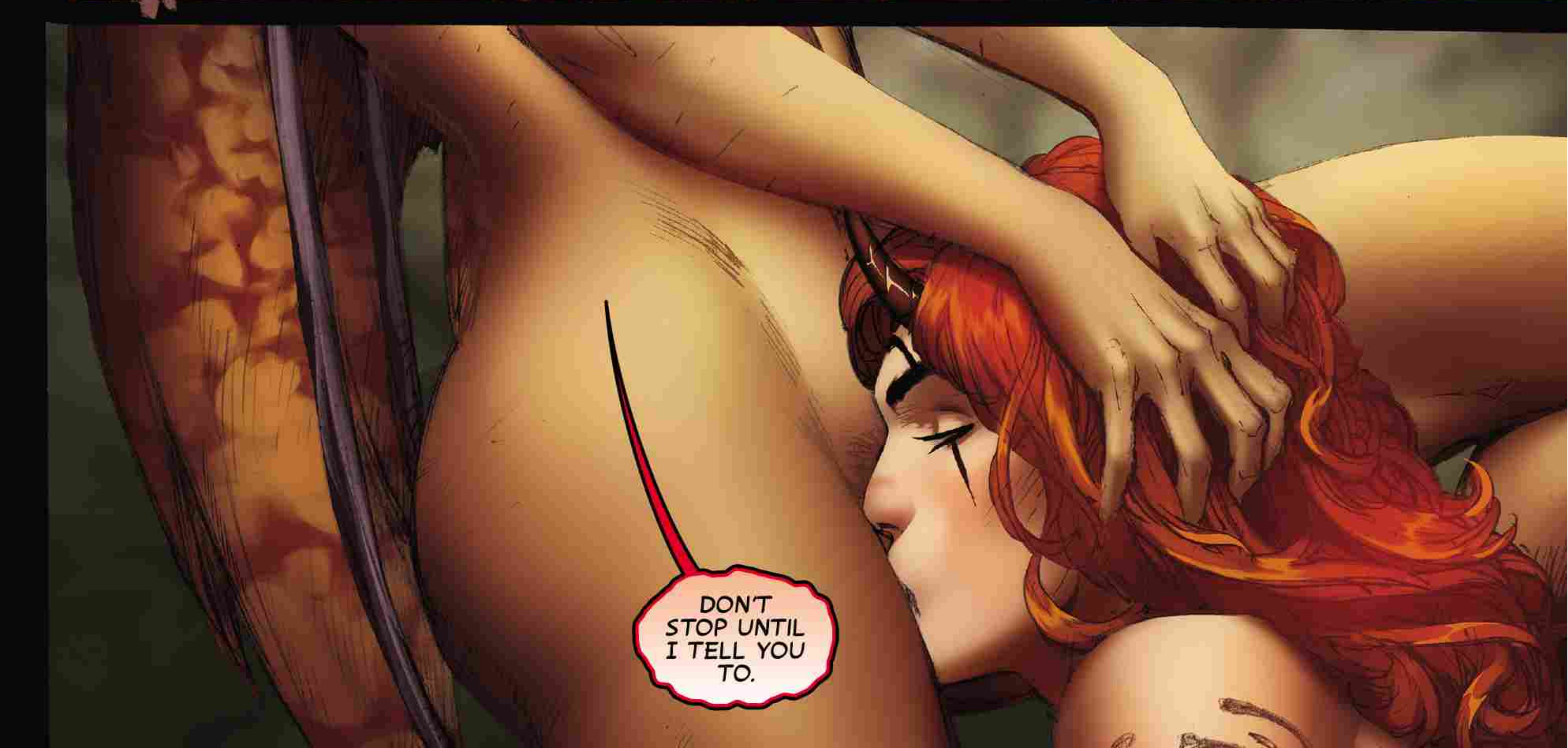
SO YOU
GONNA BEAT
MY ASS NOW
OR KEEP ME IN
SUSPENSE?



AND WHY
WOULD I DO
THAT? ARE YOU
ONE OF THOSE
PAIN FREAKS? DO
YOU GET OFF
ON IT?

NOT MY THING. BUT
BEING HALF DEMON,
HALF HELLBOURNE,
I GET STOMPED BY
EVERYONE SOONER
OR LATER.

YOU'RE A CUTE ONE,
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
THERE IS SOMETHING
YOU CAN DO
FOR ME--



DON'T
STOP UNTIL
I TELL YOU
TO.



SHOW ME AROUND THIS STENCH HOLE, AND MAYBE WE'LL DO THAT AGAIN.

THAT'S THE BEST DEAL I'M EVER GONNA GET.

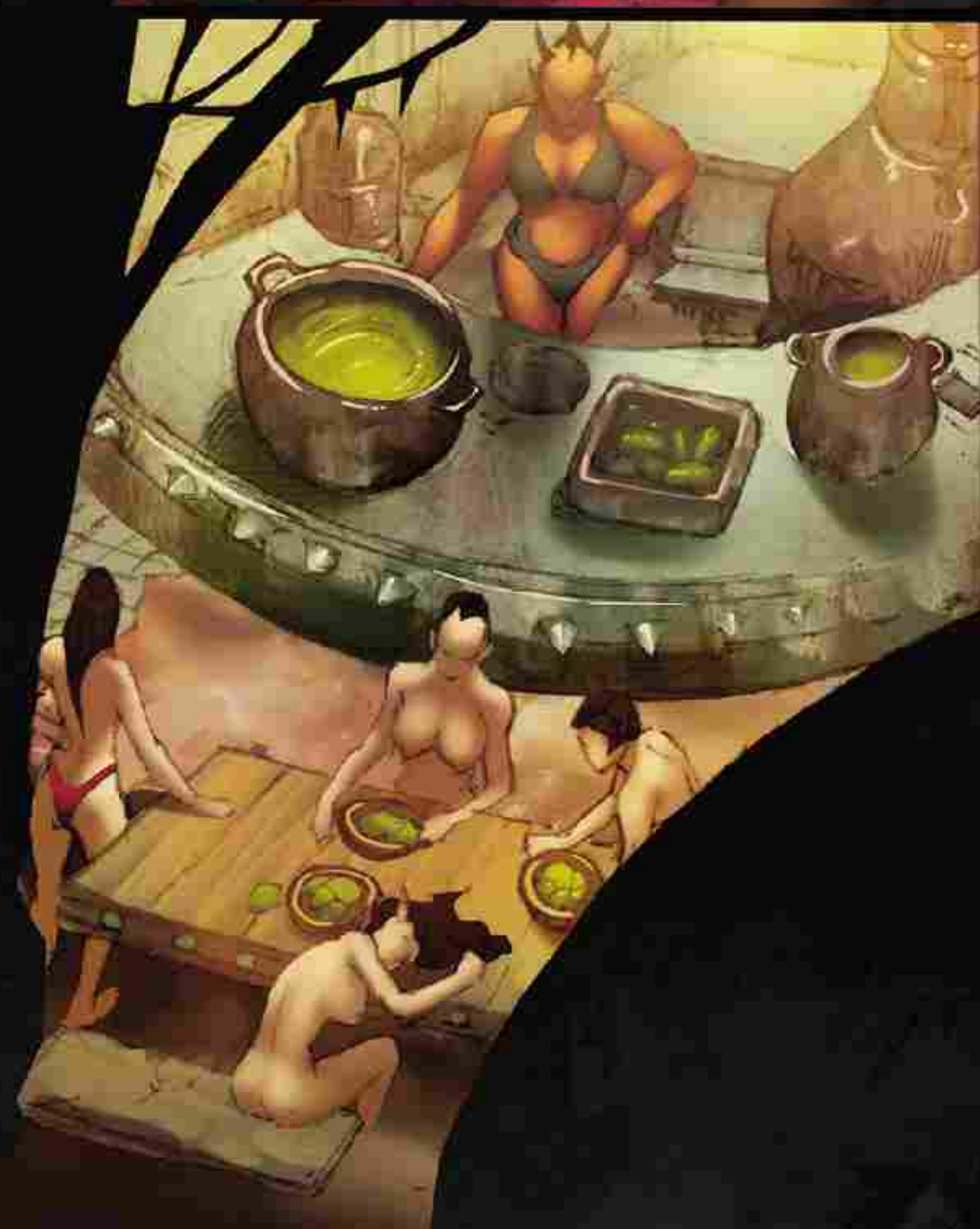
SO, FIRST THING YOU GOTTA KNOW IS DEMONS AND HELLBOURNE DON'T MIX IN HERE

"UNLESS THEY'RE SPILLING EACH OTHER'S BLOOD."



AT LEAST YOU WON'T STARVE.

SOMEHOW, THE OLD WORM KEEPS LAYING EGGS.



SMELLS LIKE SHIT AND TASTES EVEN WORSE.

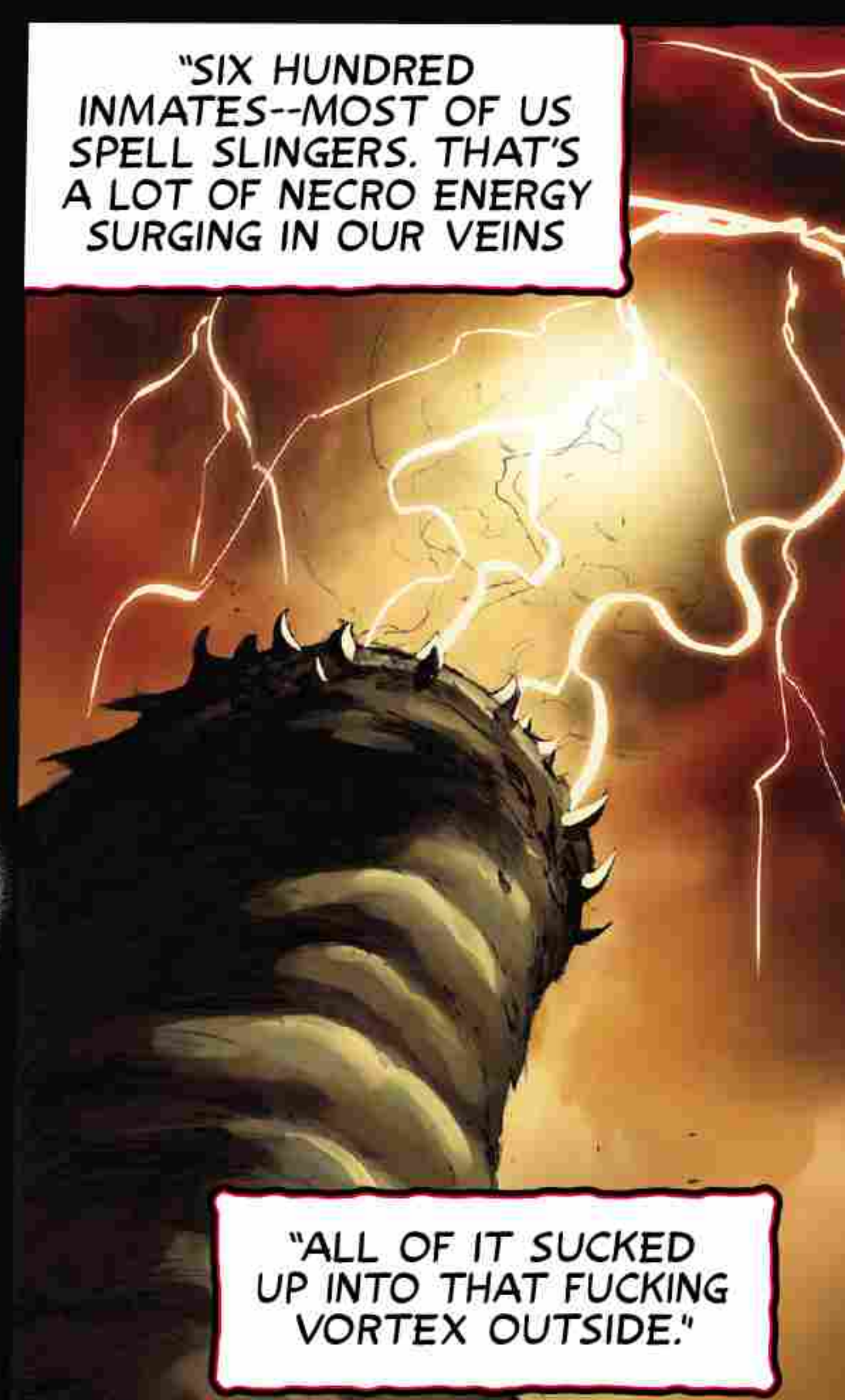
BUT WHY BOTHER FEEDING US AT ALL? WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS PRISON?

WHY NOT TOSS OUR BODIES IN THE PAIN PITS AND LET US ROT FOR A THOUSAND YEARS?



NOBODY KNOWS, BUT WE ALL GOT OUR THEORIES.

PERSONALLY, I THINK THE COUNCIL KEEPS US AROUND TO DRAIN US DRY.



"SIX HUNDRED INMATES--MOST OF US SPELL SLINGERS. THAT'S A LOT OF NECRO ENERGY SURGING IN OUR VEINS

"ALL OF IT SUCKED UP INTO THAT FUCKING VORTEX OUTSIDE."



IMAGINE
WHAT THE
HELLBOURNE
COULD DO
WITH POWER
LIKE THAT.

AND THEY'RE
GONNA NEED IT
AFTER YOU LAID
WASTE TO HALF
OF THEIR HIVES
WHEN YOU RAISED
THAT ARMY
OF YOURS.

YOU KNOW
WHO I AM?

OF COURSE.
YOU'RE THE
HELLWITCH...



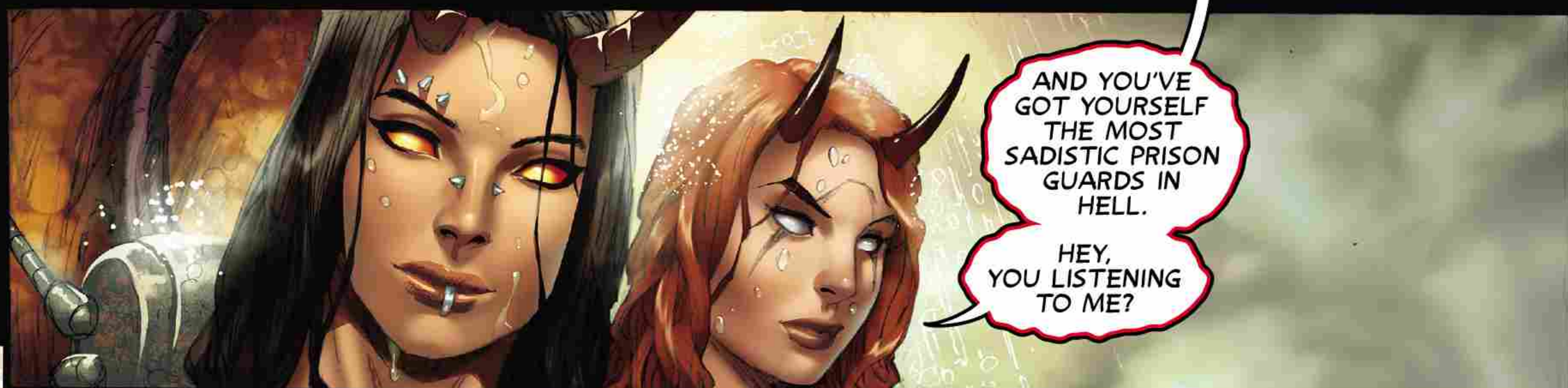
EVERYONE
KNOWS WHO YOU
ARE. WHICH ISN'T
NECESSARILY A
GOOD THING.



THE INMATES
ARE BAD ENOUGH.
LET'S JUST HOPE
THOSE BASTARDS
DON'T TAKE AN
INTEREST IN
YOU.



TAKE THE
BIGGEST DAMNED
PSYCHOS ON EARTH,
TWIST 'EM WITH
UNHOLY MECHANICS
AND PUMP 'EM
FULL OF SHADOW
MAGIC...

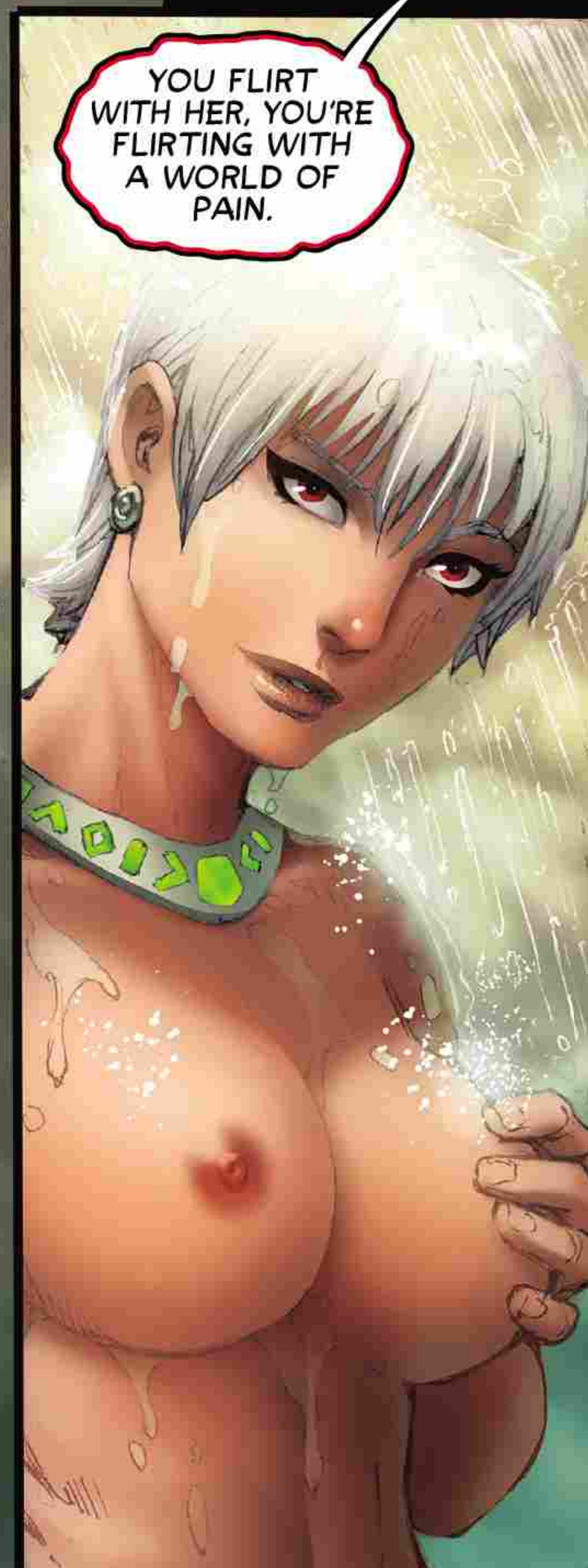


AND YOU'VE
GOT YOURSELF
THE MOST
SADISTIC PRISON
GUARDS IN
HELL.

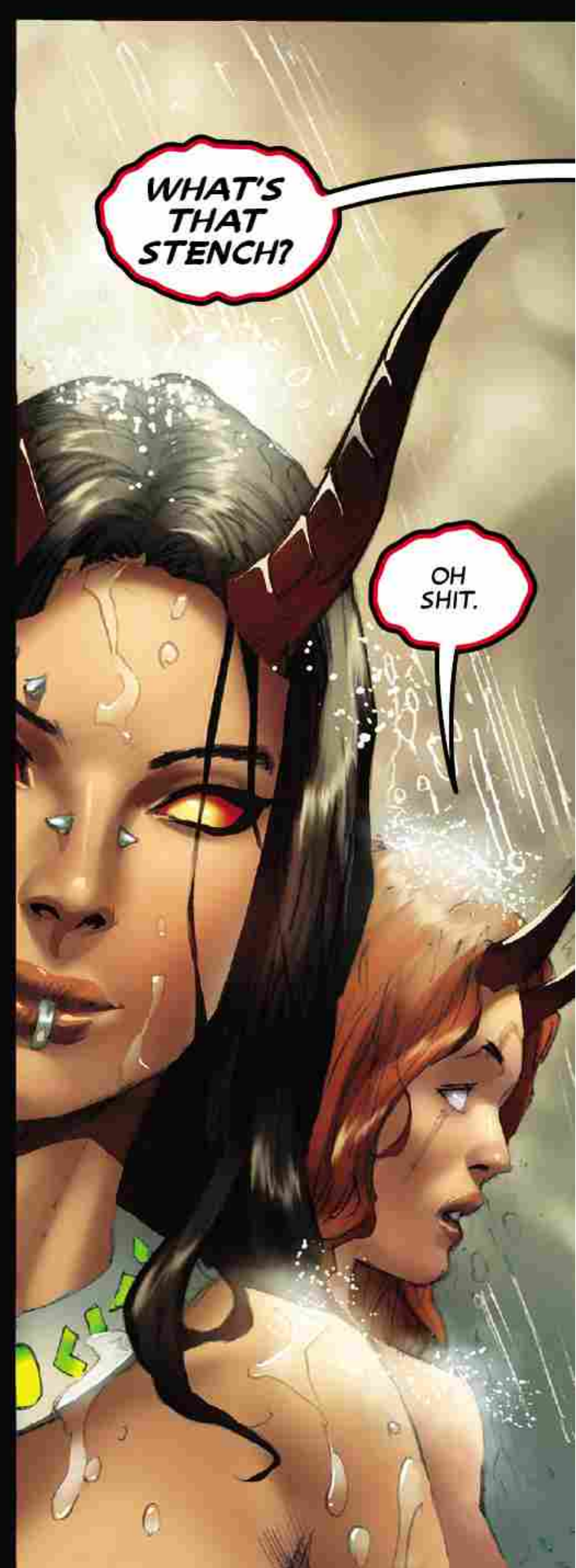
HEY,
YOU LISTENING
TO ME?



UH OH,
BAD IDEA.
LILIM THERE IS
THE WARDEN'S
PERSONAL
PLAYTHING.

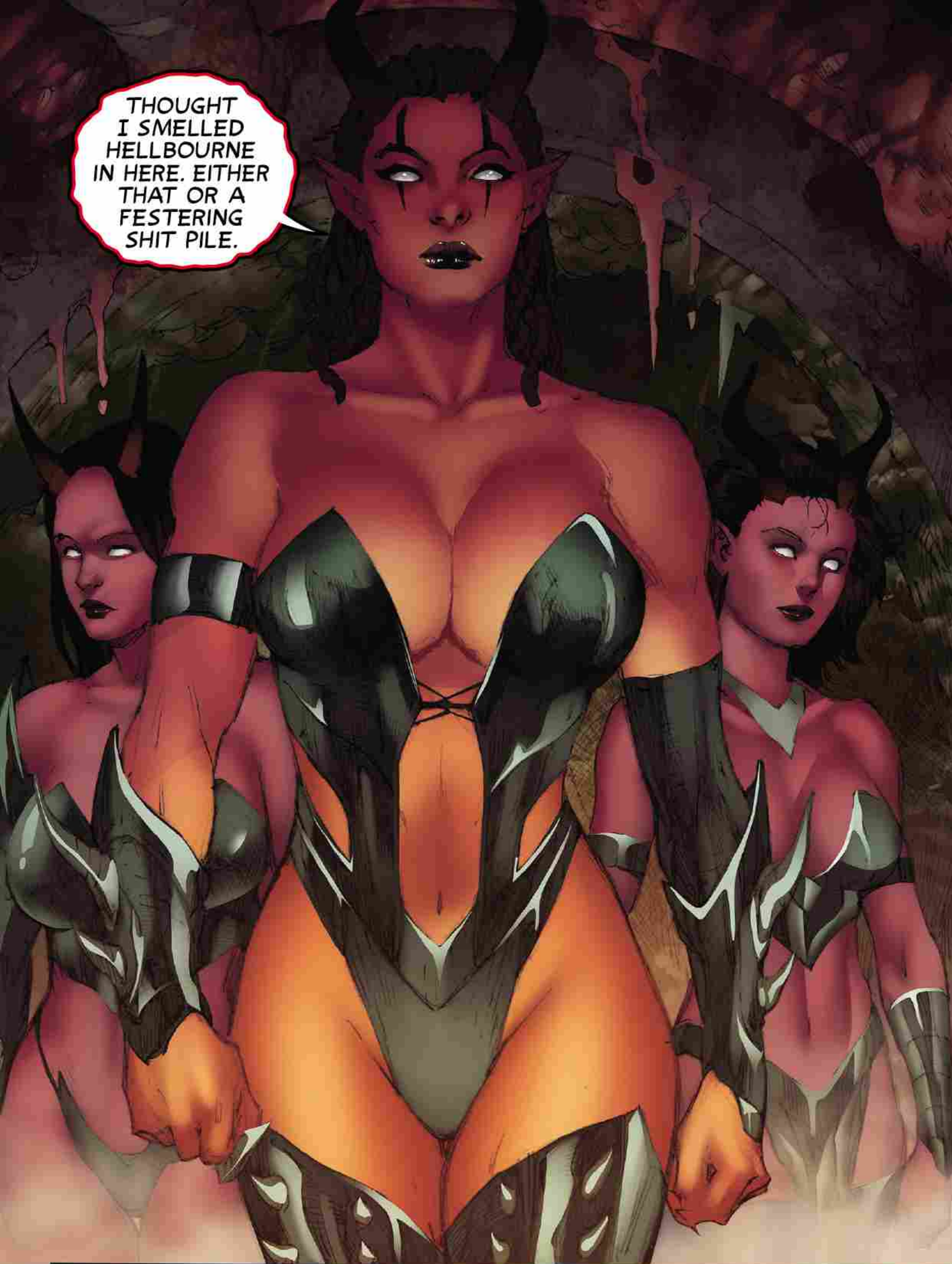


YOU FLIRT
WITH HER, YOU'RE
FLIRTING WITH
A WORLD OF
PAIN.



WHAT'S
THAT
STENCH?

OH
SHIT.

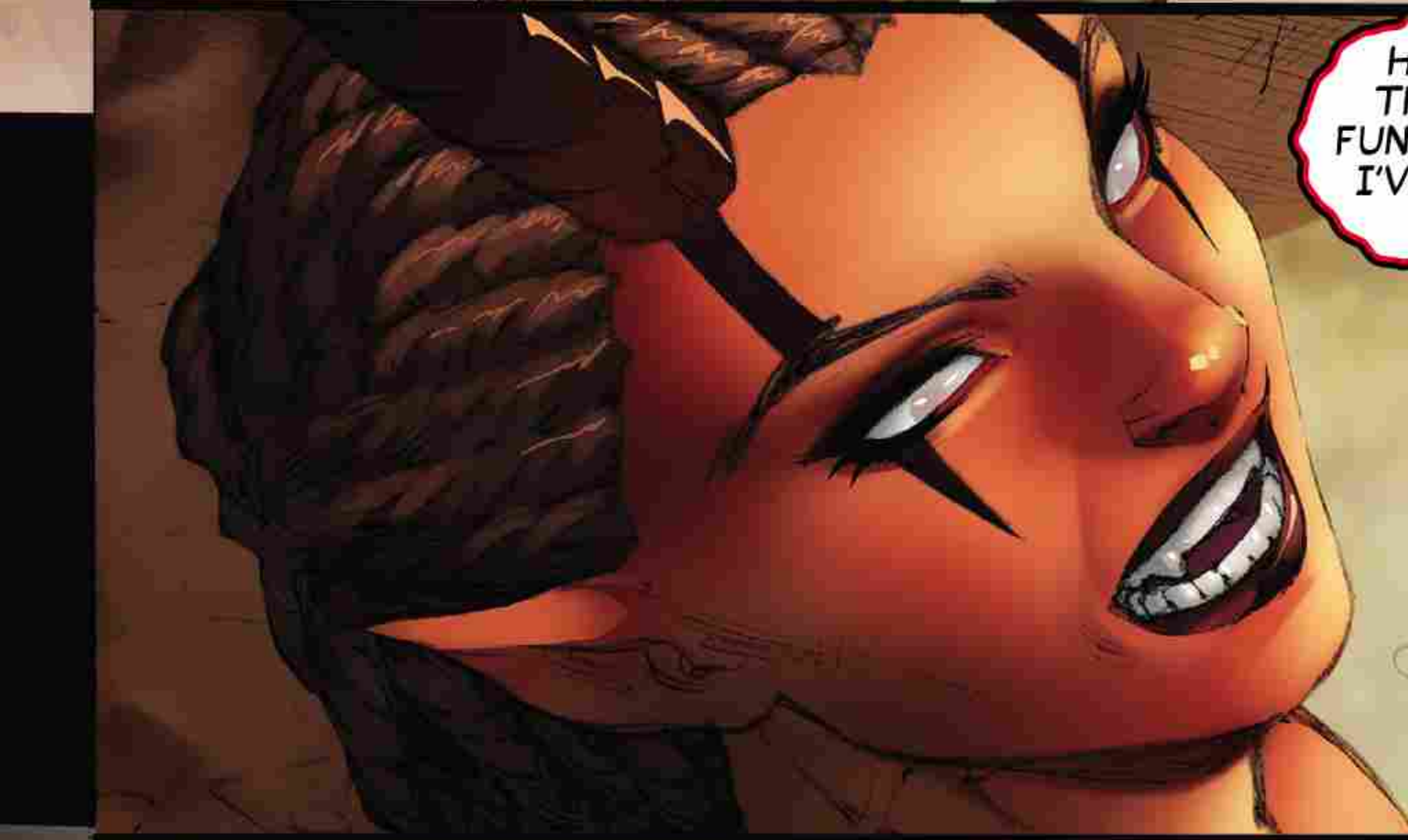


THOUGHT I SMELLED HELLBOURNE IN HERE. EITHER THAT OR A FESTERING SHIT PILE.

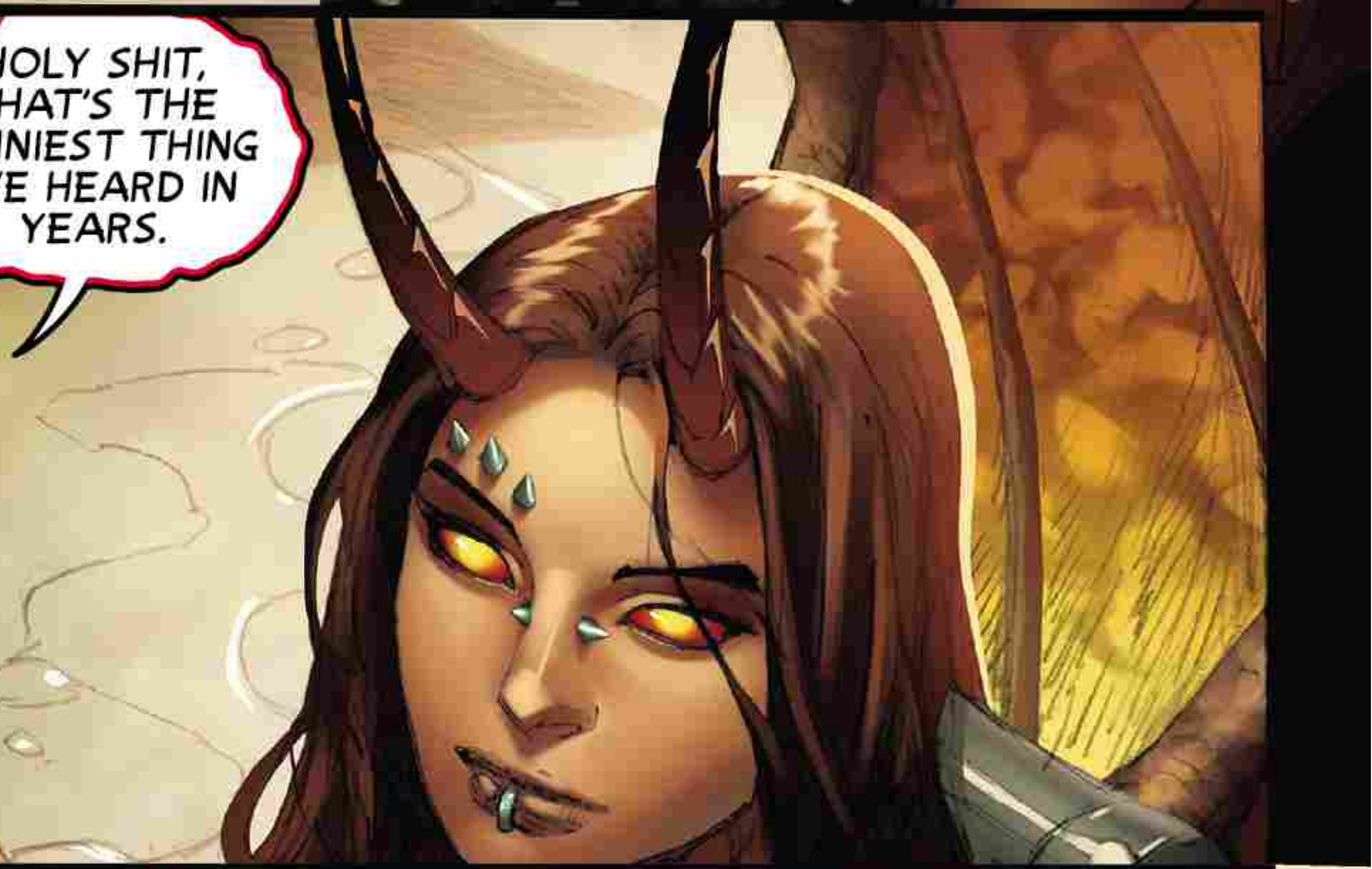


GOT TO ADMIT, YOU'RE NOT SO HARD TO LOOK AT, ALL DRIPPING WET LIKE THAT. MAYBE, IF YOU BEG **REAL HARD**, I'LL MAKE YOU ONE OF MY FUCK TOYS.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

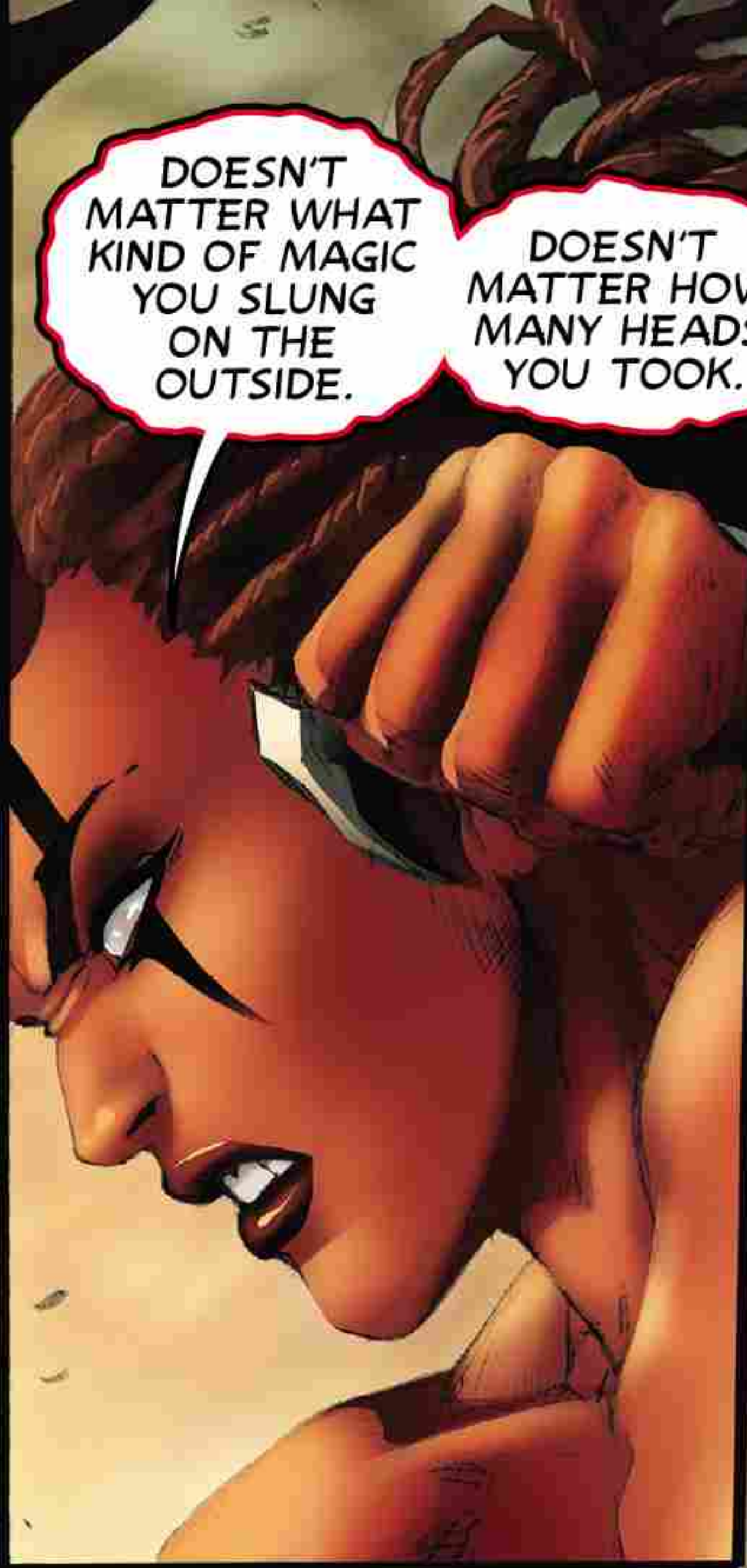


HOLY SHIT, THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE HEARD IN YEARS.

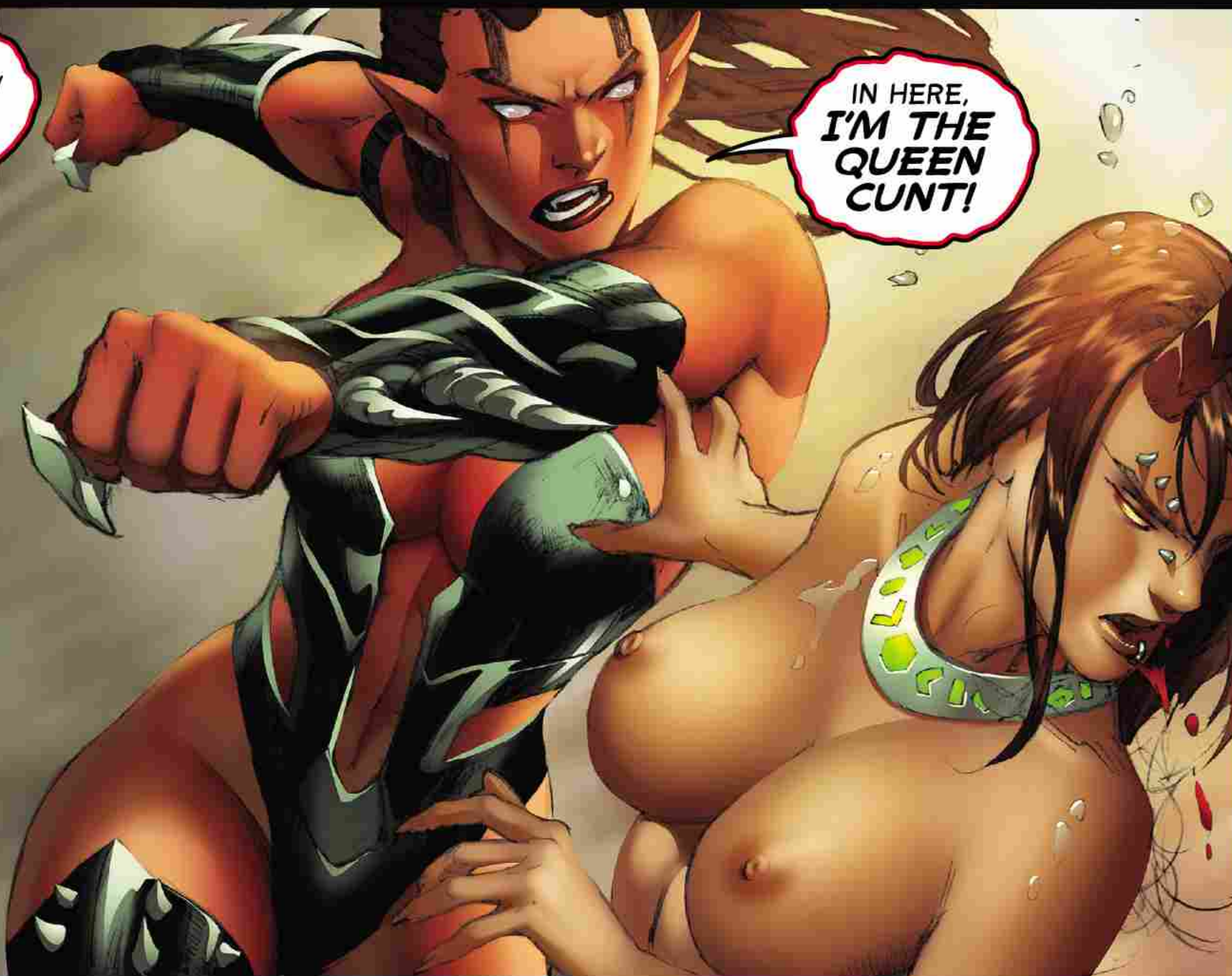


IN TORMENTIA, YOU'RE **NO ONE!**

WAP



DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
KIND OF MAGIC
YOU SLUNG
ON THE
OUTSIDE.



IN HERE,
**I'M THE
QUEEN
CUNT!**



GORGA,
HAVE MERCY.
SHE'S NEW. SHE
DIDN'T FUCKING
KNOW.

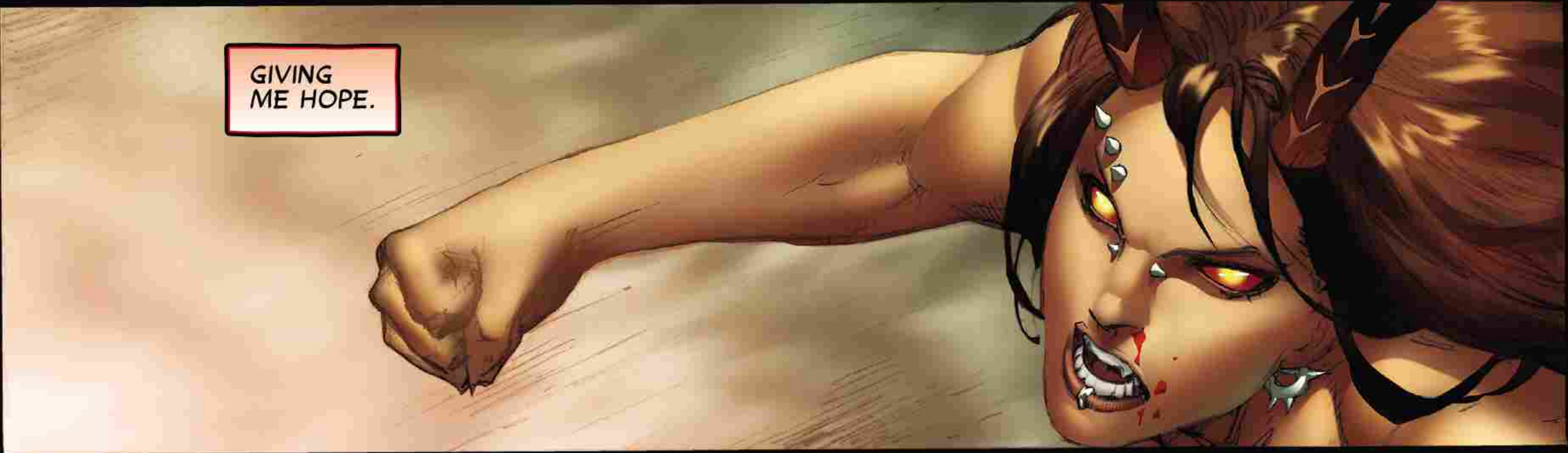


THEN SHE'S
ABOUT TO--
--URK!



IT'S LIKE HITTING MOUNTAIN.
BUT I DON'T STOP.

MY KICK
ROCKS HER...
HURTS HER.



GIVING
ME HOPE.



I SHOULD'VE
KNOWN BY NOW...



HOPE IS
A BITCH.

CLAGG



WELCOME
TO THE
REST...



...OF YOUR
MISERABLE
FUCKING
LIFE.



STAY AWAY FROM HER, YOU FUCKING PSYCHOS!



LAST TIME THEY BEAT ME, I VOWED NOT TO SCREAM.

THIS TIME, THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT.

AHHGAAAAH!





WHEN THE COLD DARKNESS
FINALLY OVERWHELMS ME,
IT'S A GIFT.



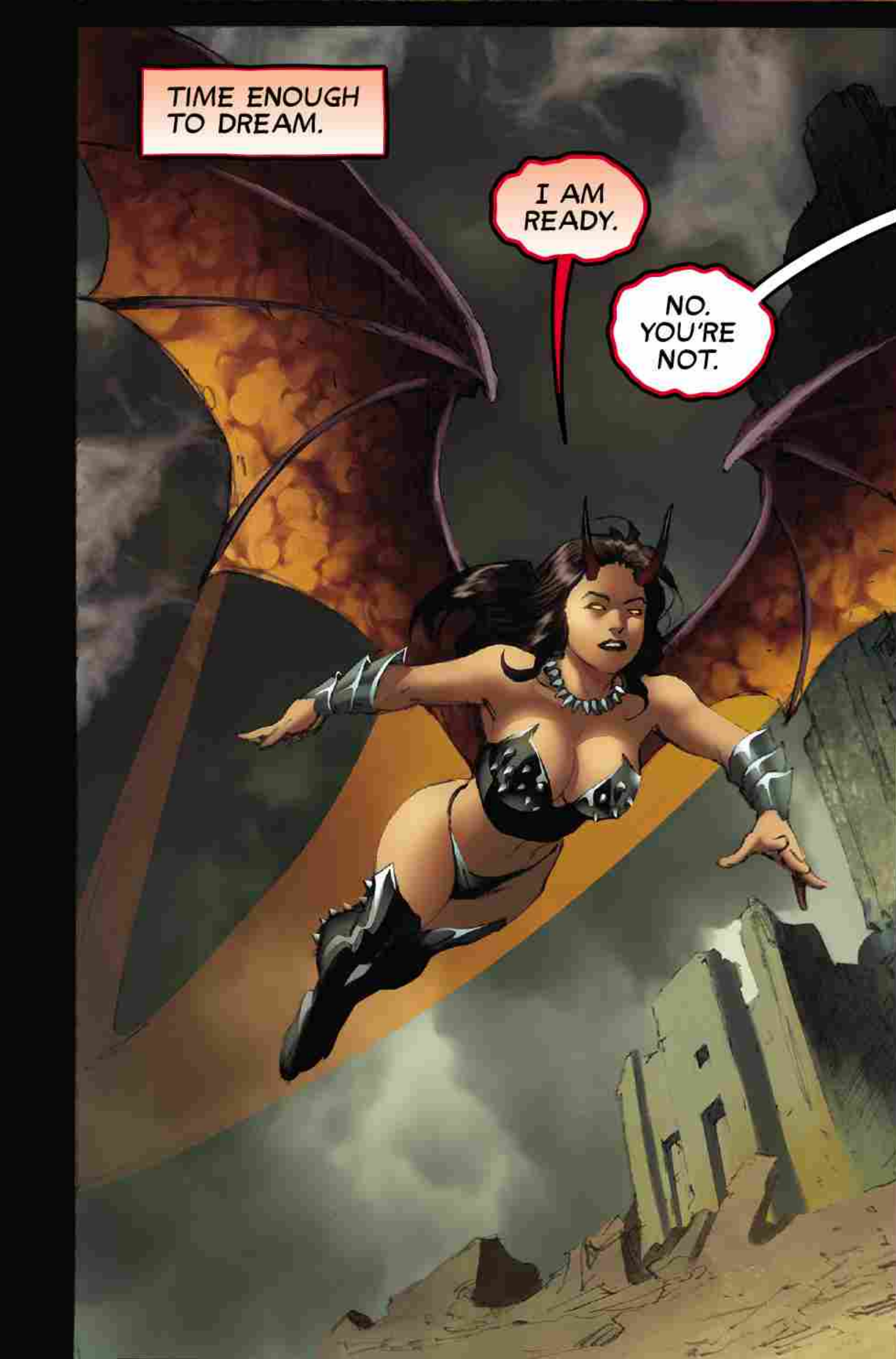
THE BASTARDS THROW ME
IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.
MUCUS COVERS THE
QUIVERING WALLS.

I CAN HEAR THE WORM'S
BELLY GRUMBLE.



MOMENTS IN THIS
DARK PLACE DRIFT
INTO ETERNITY.

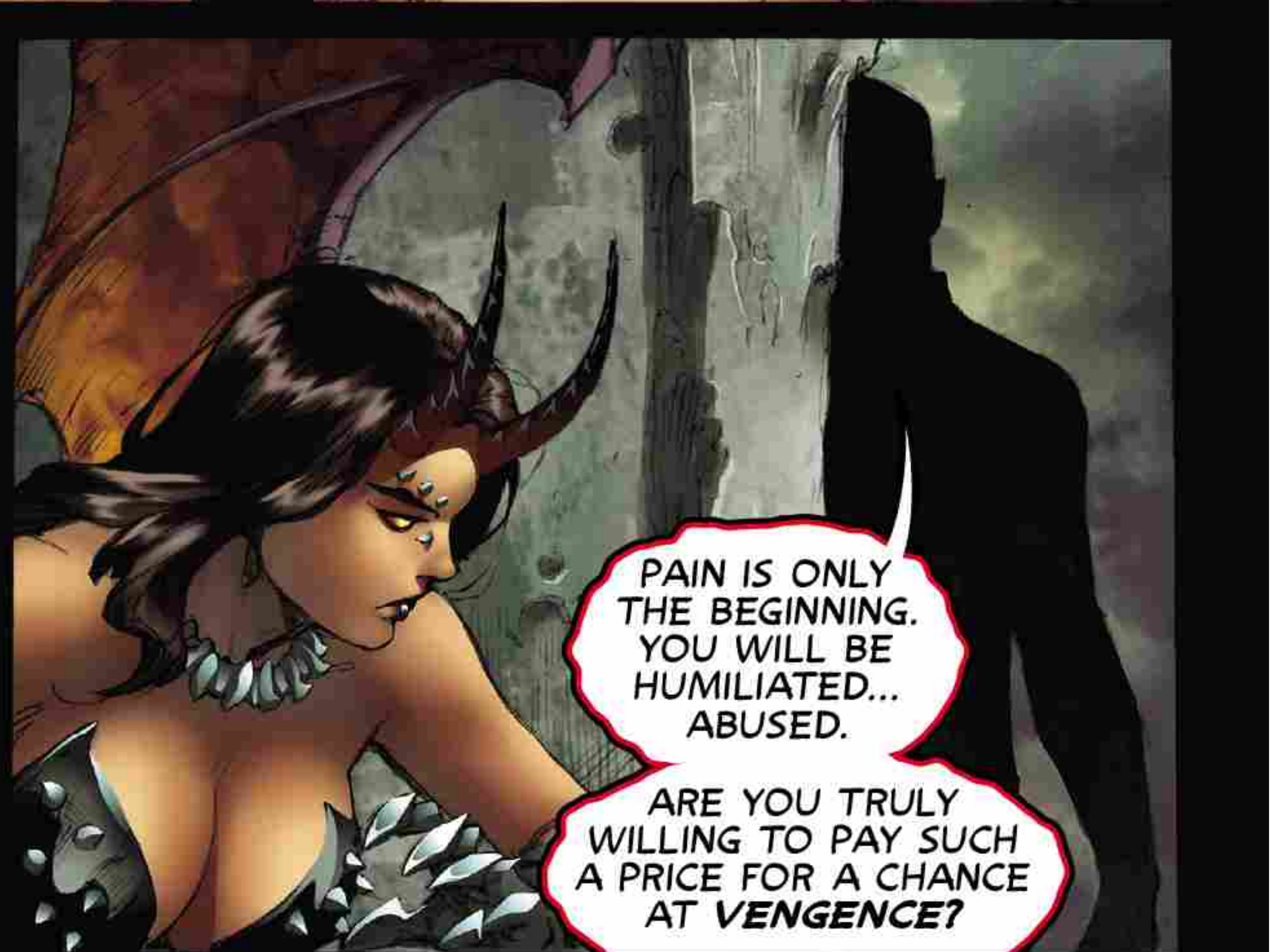
TIME ENOUGH
TO HEAL.



TIME ENOUGH
TO DREAM.

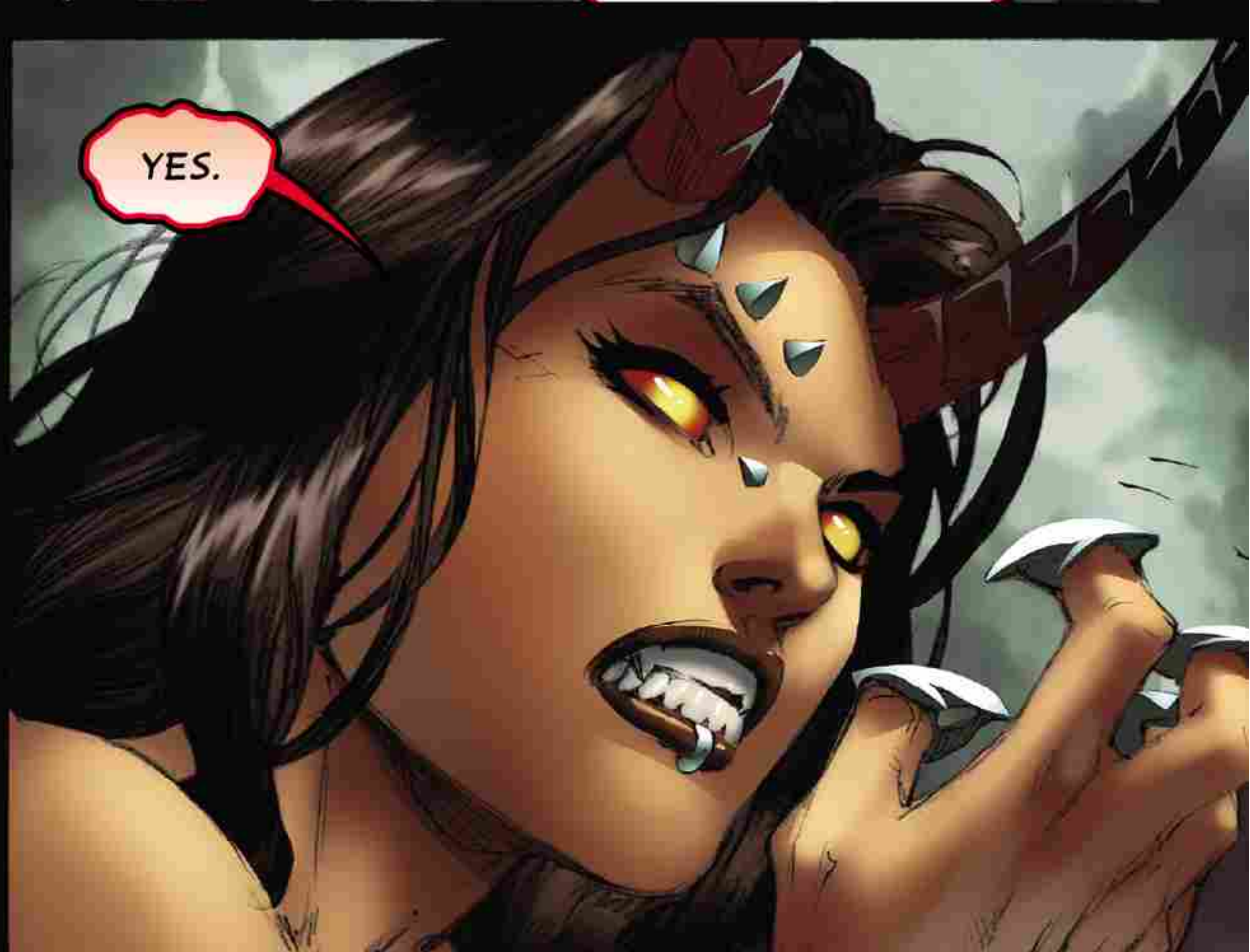
I AM
READY.

NO.
YOU'RE
NOT.



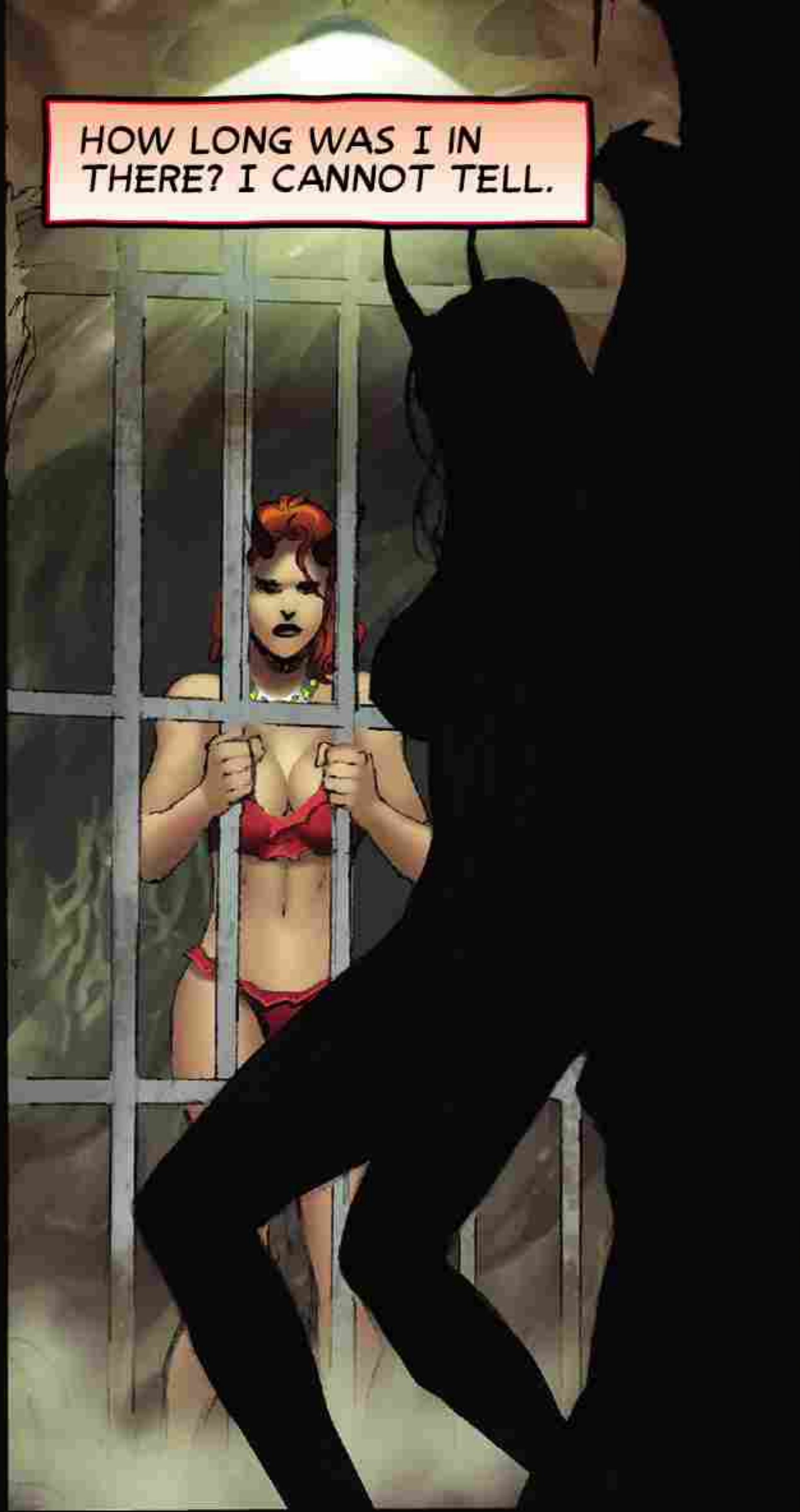
PAIN IS ONLY
THE BEGINNING.
YOU WILL BE
HUMILIATED...
ABUSED.

ARE YOU TRULY
WILLING TO PAY SUCH
A PRICE FOR A CHANCE
AT VENGEANCE?



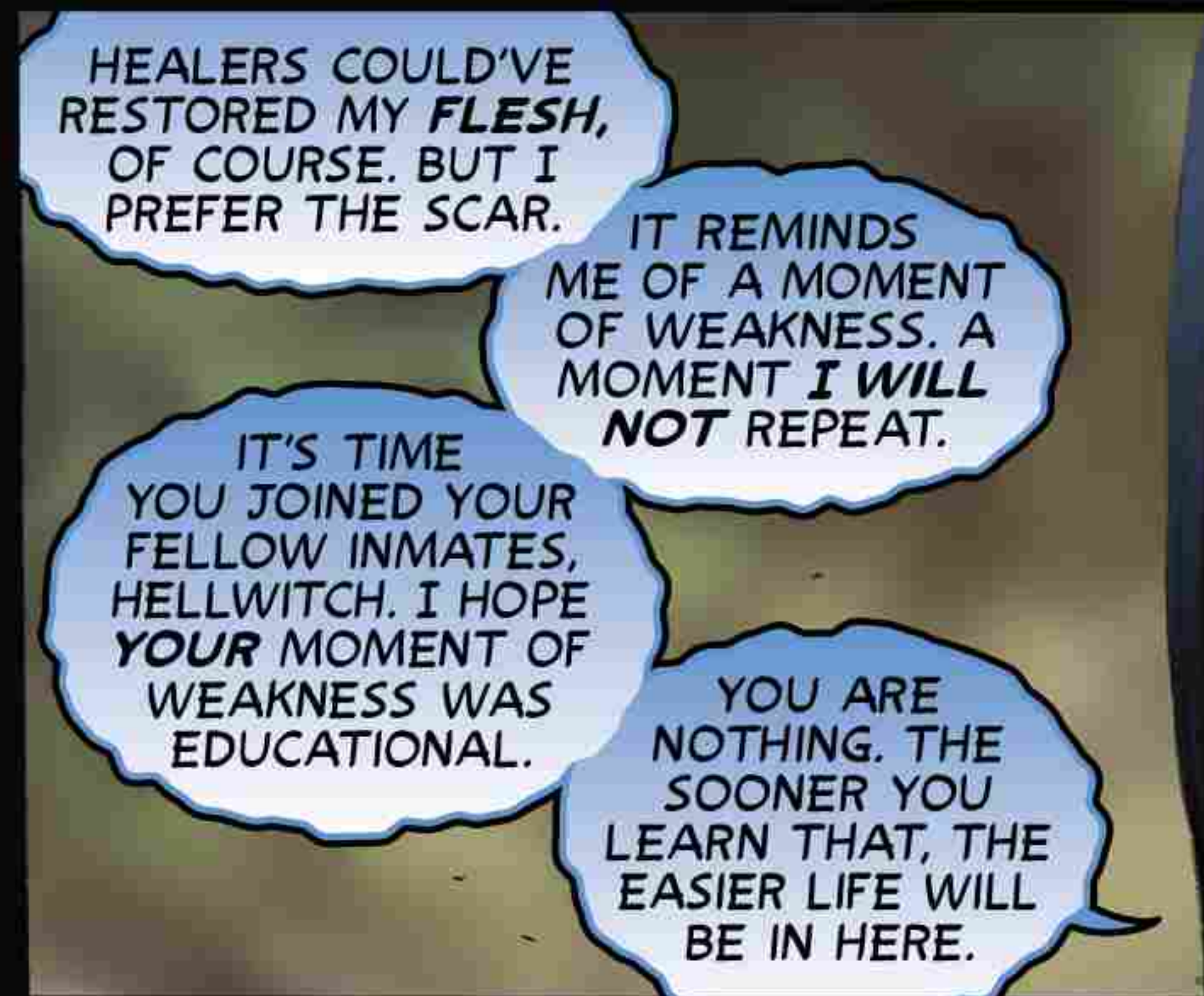
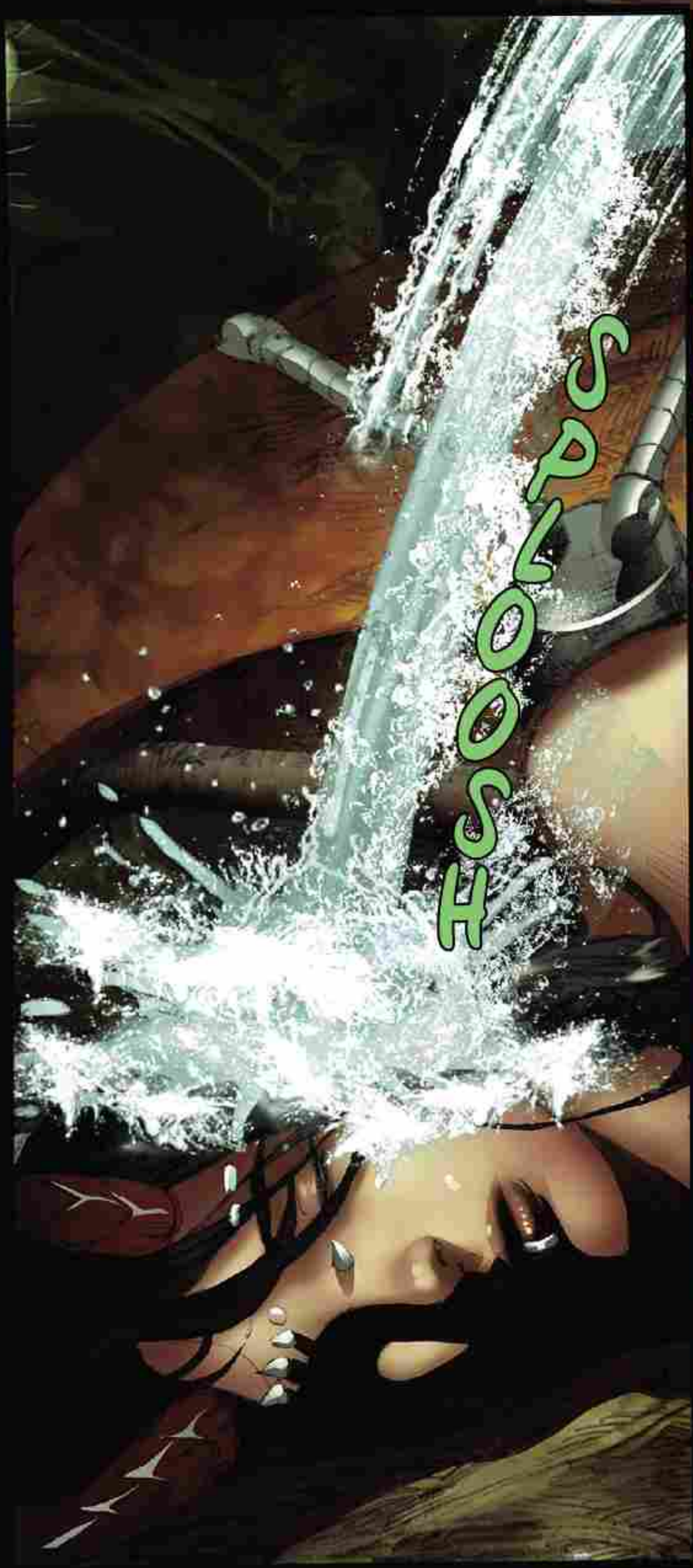
YES.

HOW LONG WAS I IN
THERE? I CANNOT TELL.



BUT MY HALF-BREED
FRIEND AND I FOUND
WAYS TO PASS THE
TIME.



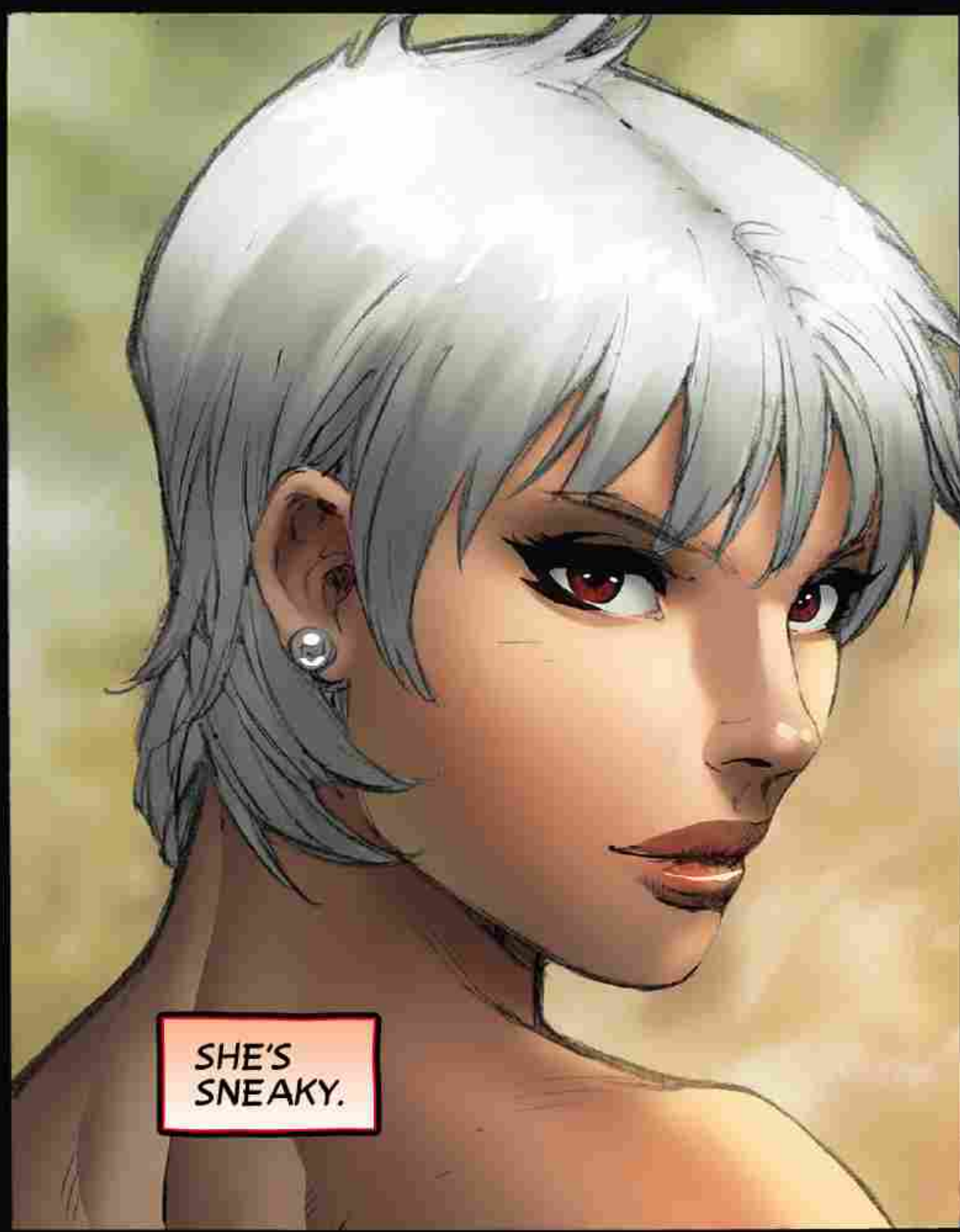
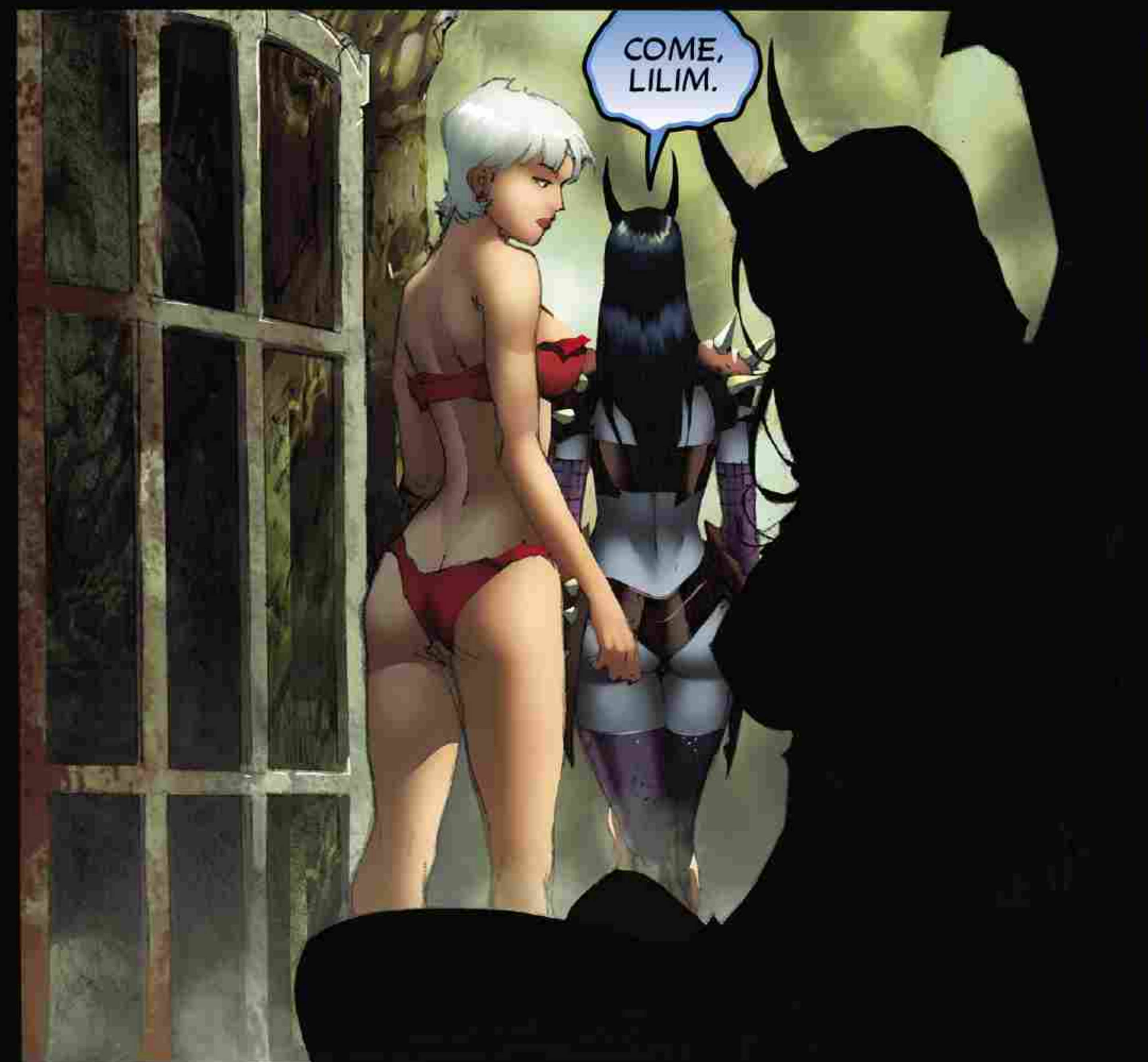


HEALERS COULD'VE RESTORED MY **FLESH**, OF COURSE. BUT I PREFER THE SCAR.

IT REMINDS ME OF A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS. A MOMENT **I WILL NOT** REPEAT.

IT'S TIME YOU JOINED YOUR FELLOW INMATES, HELLWITCH. I HOPE **YOUR** MOMENT OF WEAKNESS WAS EDUCATIONAL.

YOU ARE NOTHING. THE SOONER YOU LEARN THAT, THE EASIER LIFE WILL BE IN HERE.





I ALMOST MISS
THE GIFT SHE
DROPS FOR ME.

IF I'M CAUGHT WITH
IT, I'LL FIND MYSELF
RIGHT BACK IN THIS
STINKING HOLE.



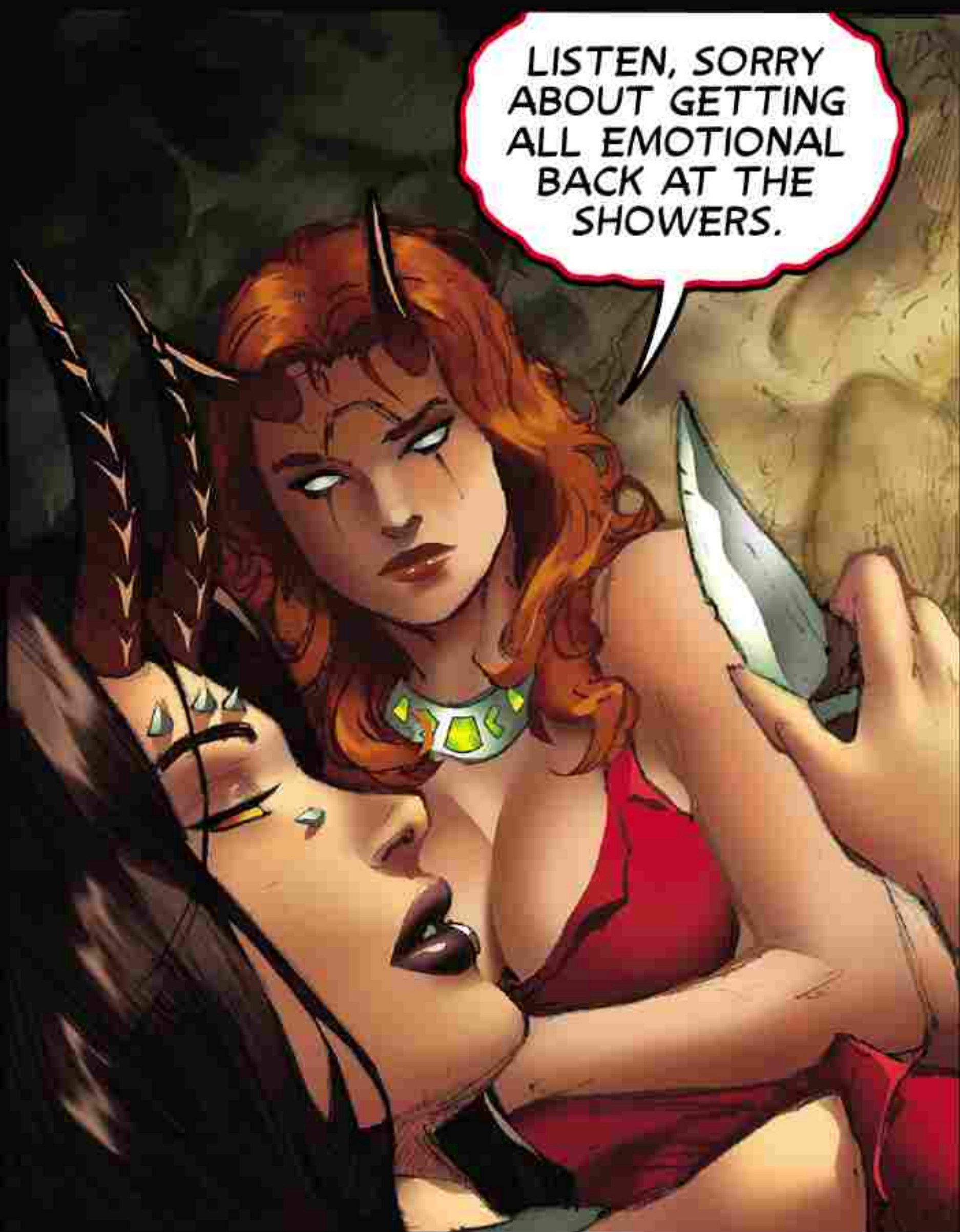
OR WORSE.



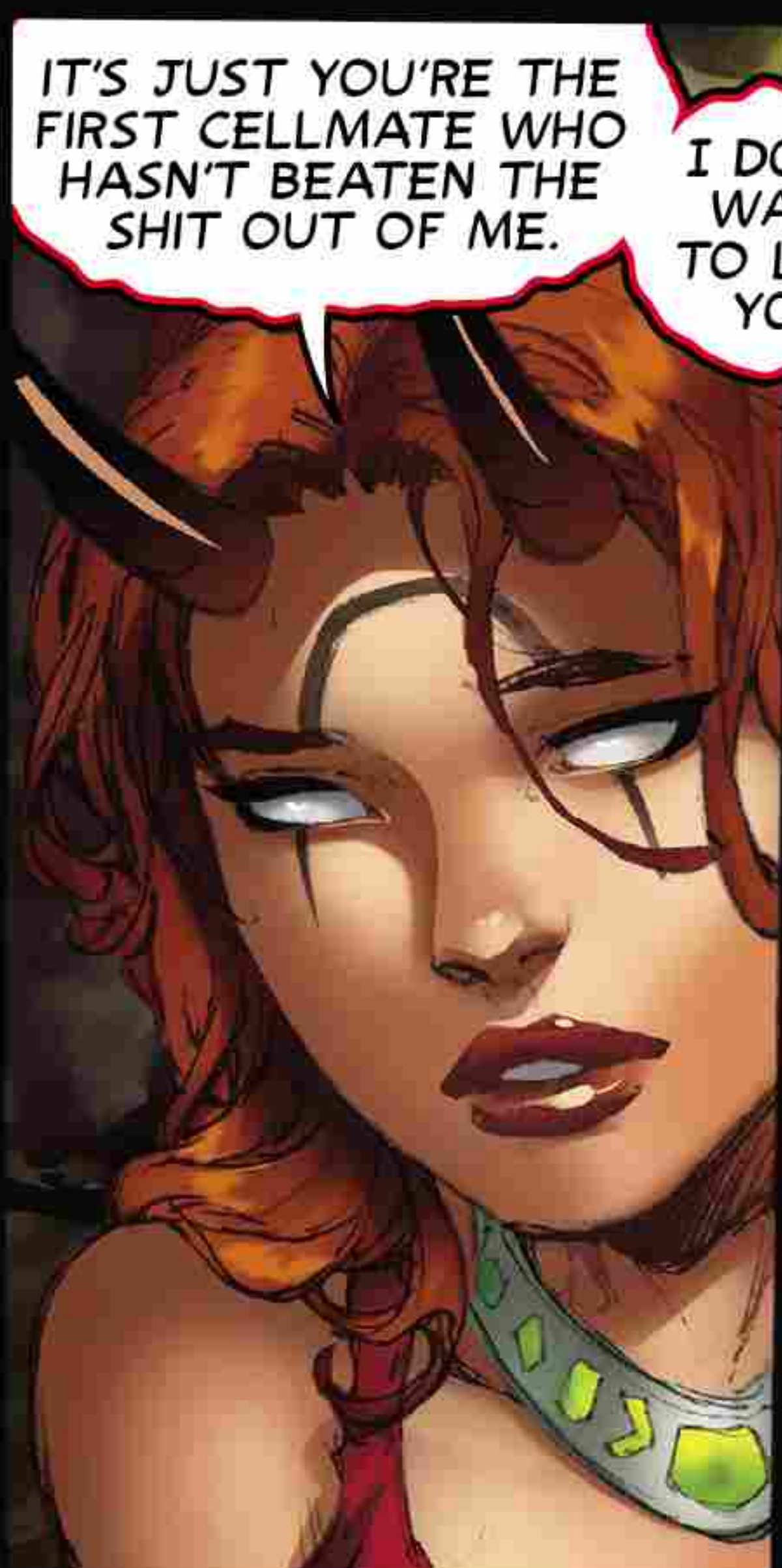
LATER.

YOU'RE
GOING AFTER
GORGA, AREN'T
YOU?

HAVEN'T
DECIDED
YET.



LISTEN, SORRY
ABOUT GETTING
ALL EMOTIONAL
BACK AT THE
SHOWERS.



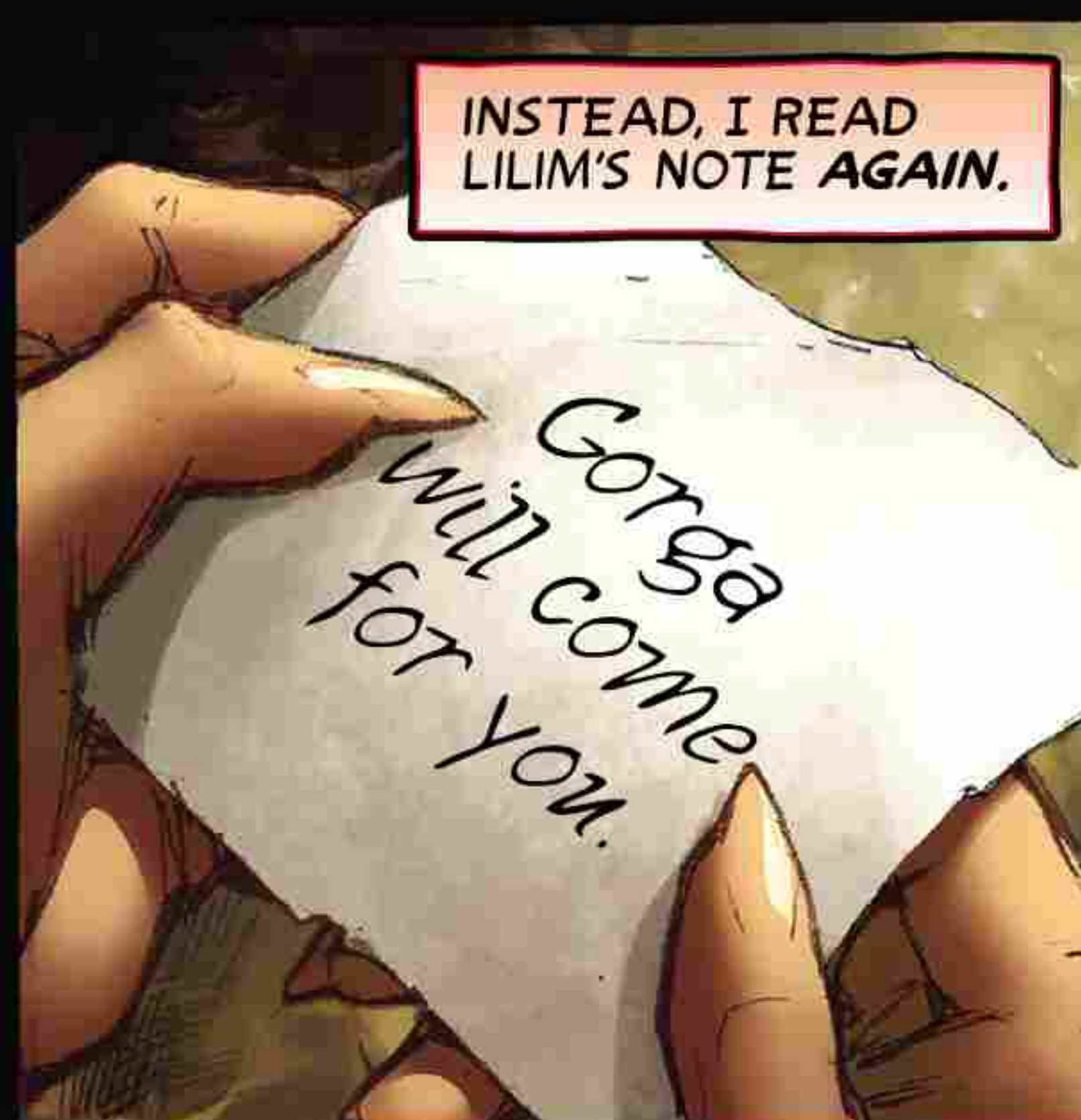
IT'S JUST YOU'RE THE
FIRST CELLMATE WHO
HASN'T BEATEN THE
SHIT OUT OF ME.

I DON'T
WANT
TO LOSE
YOU.



IN HER OWN WAY, KASS
BEARS HER SOUL.

I HARDLY
LISTEN.

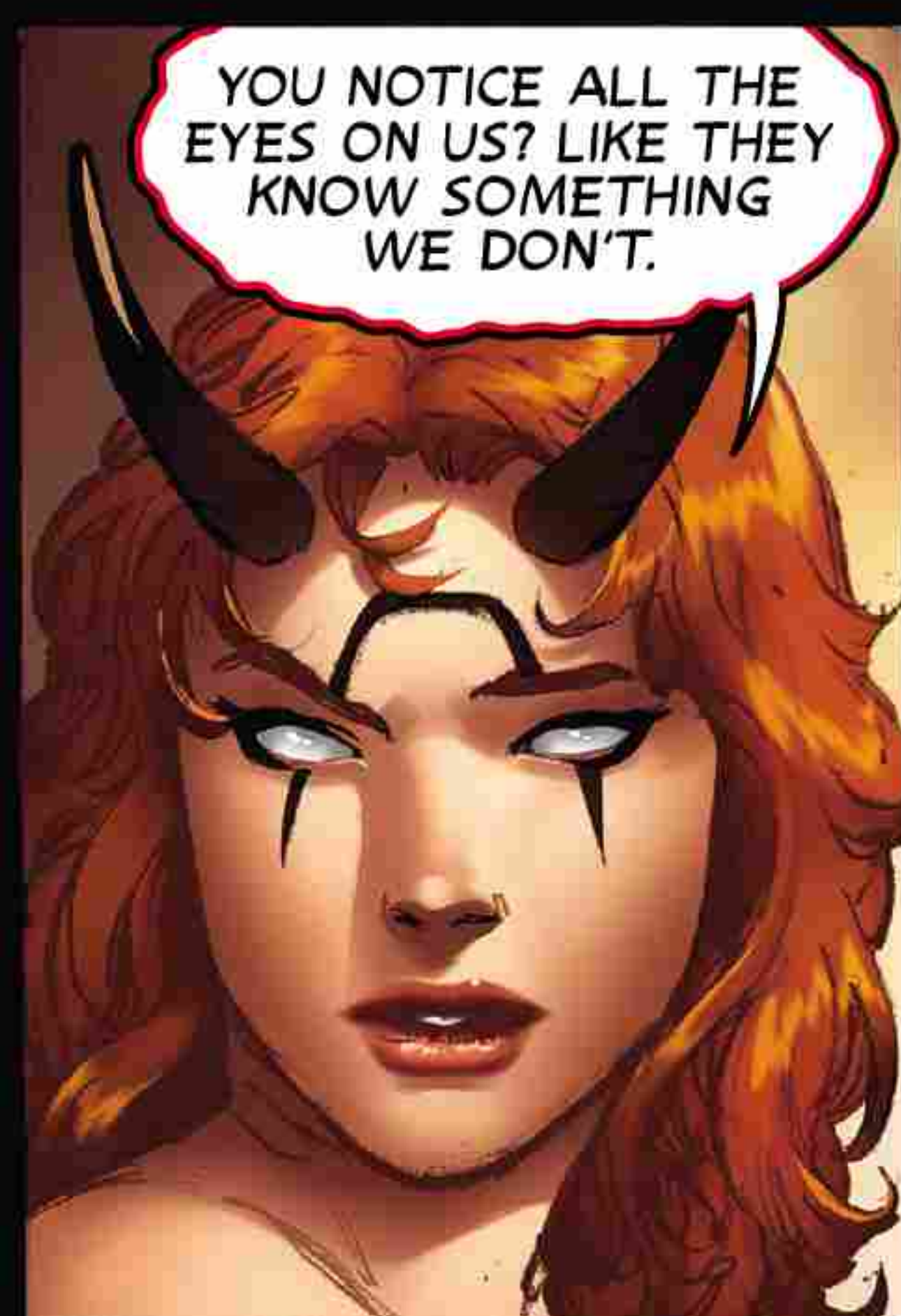


INSTEAD, I READ
LILIM'S NOTE **AGAIN**.

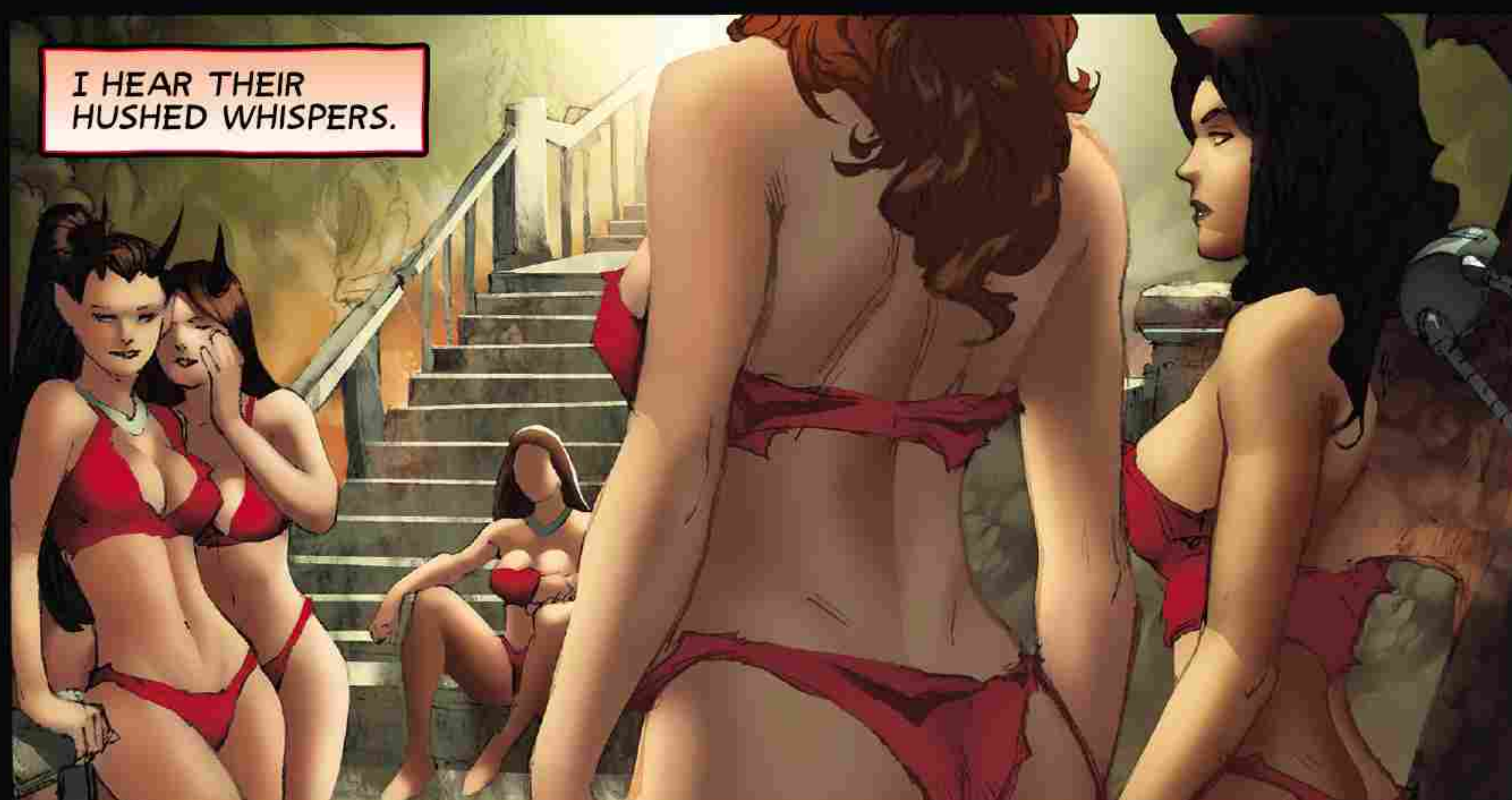
Gorga
will come
for you.



AND RESOLVE
MYSELF TO WHAT
I MUST DO.



YOU NOTICE ALL THE
EYES ON US? LIKE THEY
KNOW SOMETHING
WE DON'T.



I HEAR THEIR
HUSHED WHISPERS.



FEEL THE CHARGE
OF ELECTRICITY
IN THE AIR.

LIKE A STORM
IS BREWING.



KASS, READY
YOURSELF.

WHAT
FOR? WHAT'S
GOING ON...



THERE'S
THAT STENCH
AGAIN.



GOT MY JUICES
FLOWING, THINKING
OF YOU ON YOUR KNEES.
BUT I GUESS IT AIN'T
MEANT TO BE. SUCH
A WASTE.

BUT
AT LEAST
I'LL HAVE SOME
FUN SCORCHING
THAT FLESH OF
YOURS RIGHT
DOWN TO
THE BONE.

THE FIRST TIME
WE FOUGHT, GORGA
SAVAGELY BEAT
ME DOWN.



MOVE!

NOW, SOMEHOW, SHE'S
REMOVED HER CURSED
BAND. WHICH MEANS SHE
CAN SLING BATTLE MAGICK.



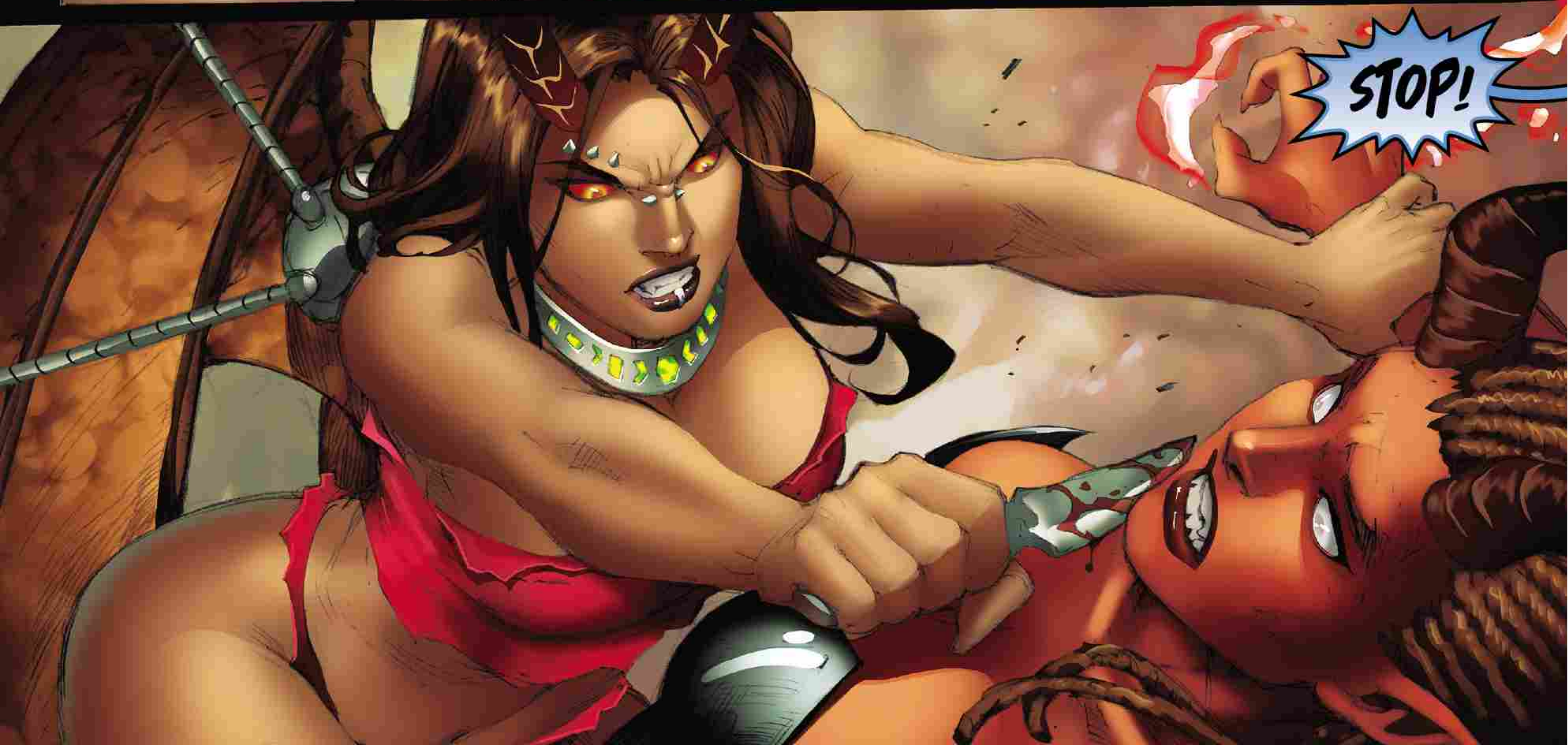
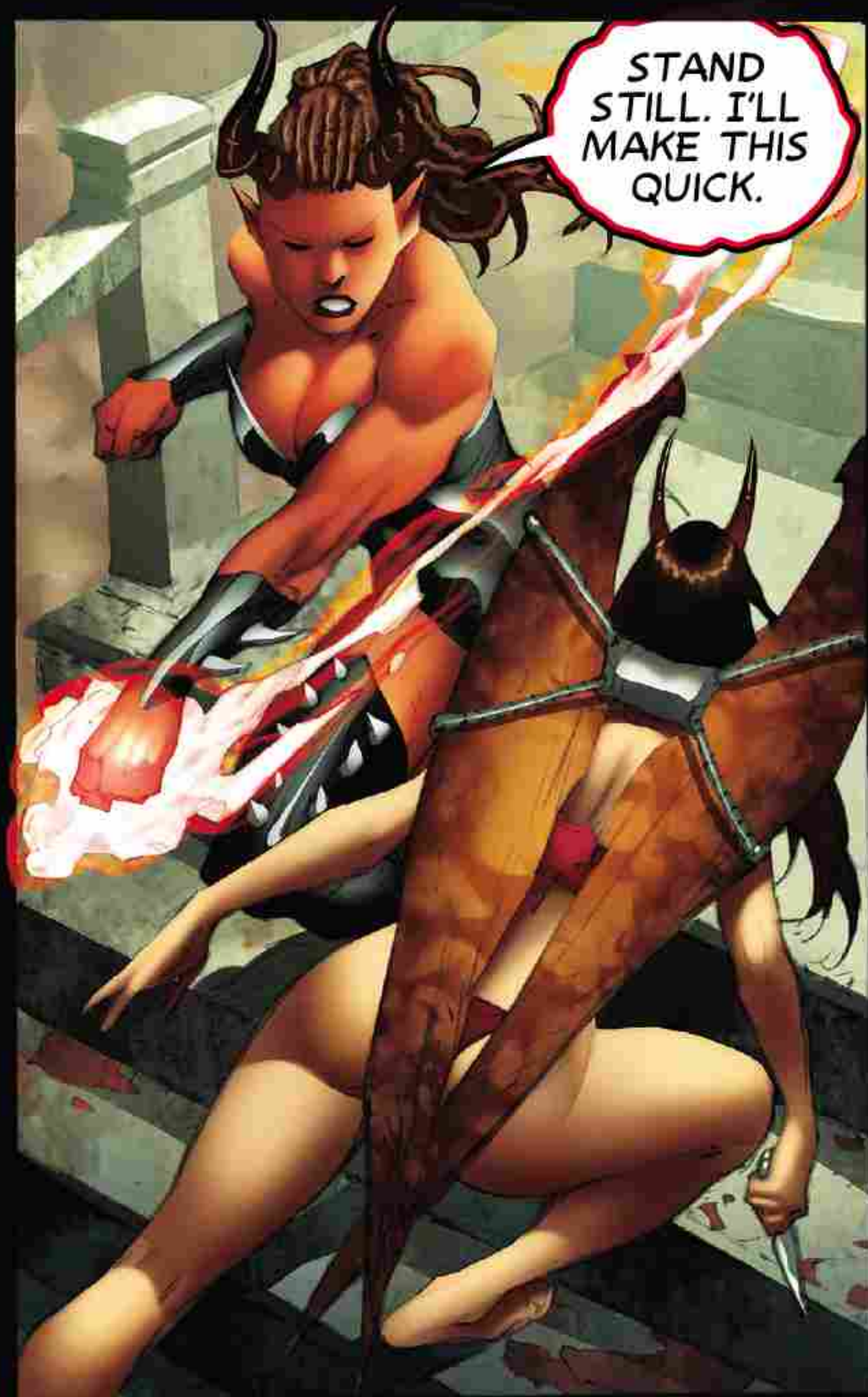
SHHHRAACK



I NEED TO TAKE
HER OUT QUICKLY.

CRAACK



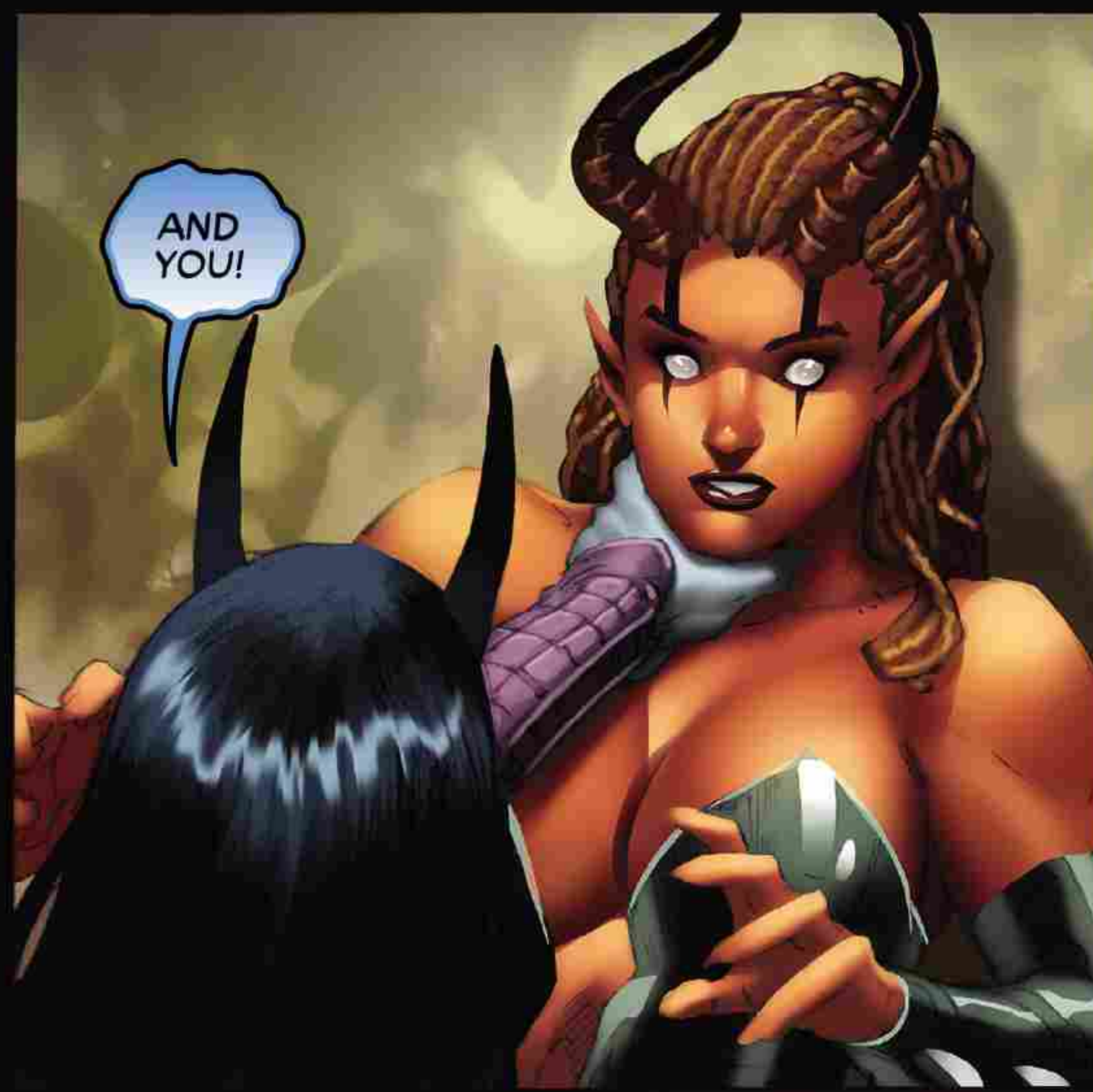




NOBODY
SLITS THROATS IN
TORMENTIA...



NOT
WITHOUT
MY SAY
SO.



AND
YOU!



LET GORGA
BE A LESSON TO
YOU ALL.

PLEASE,
YOKAI.
DON'T...

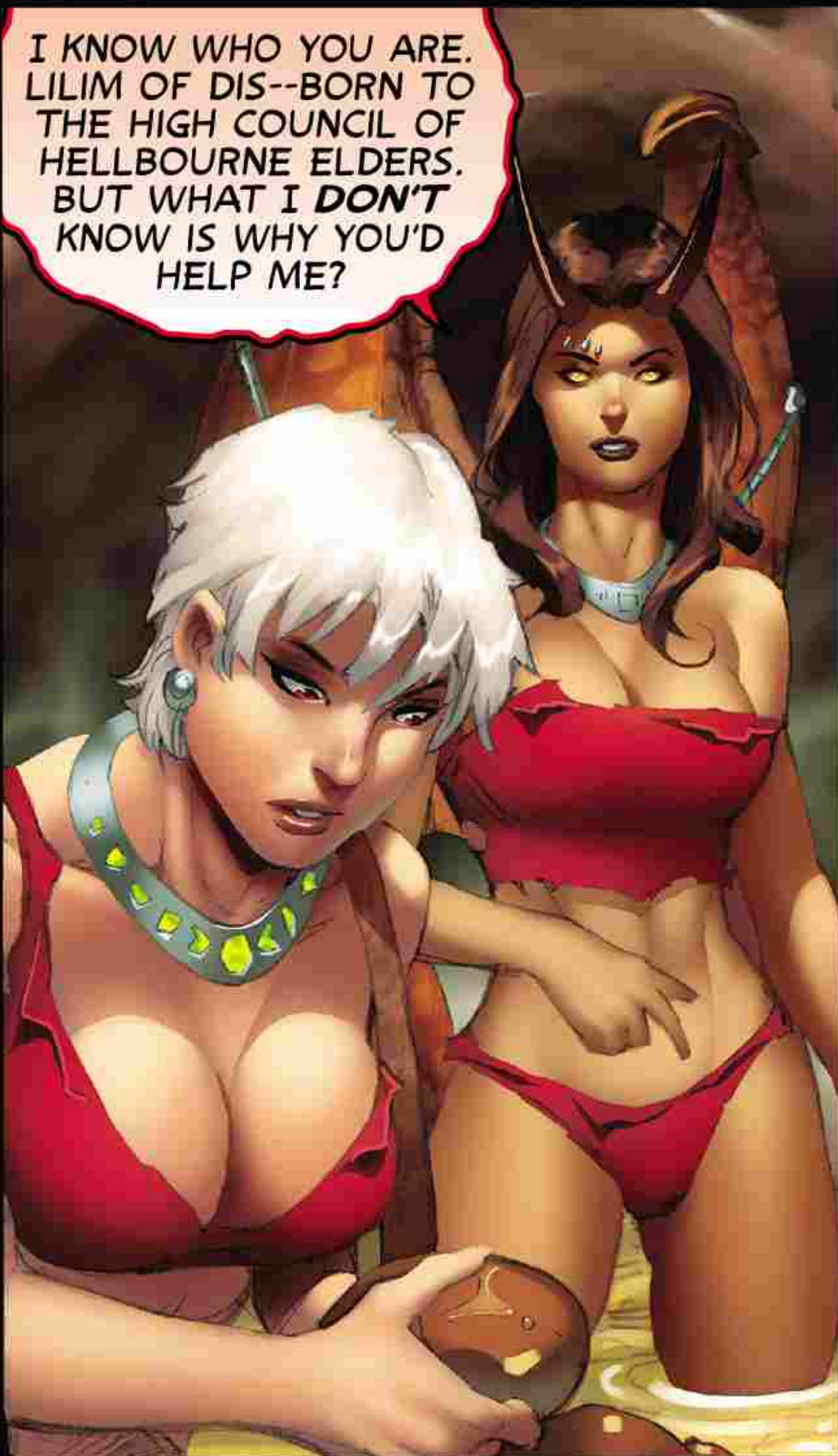




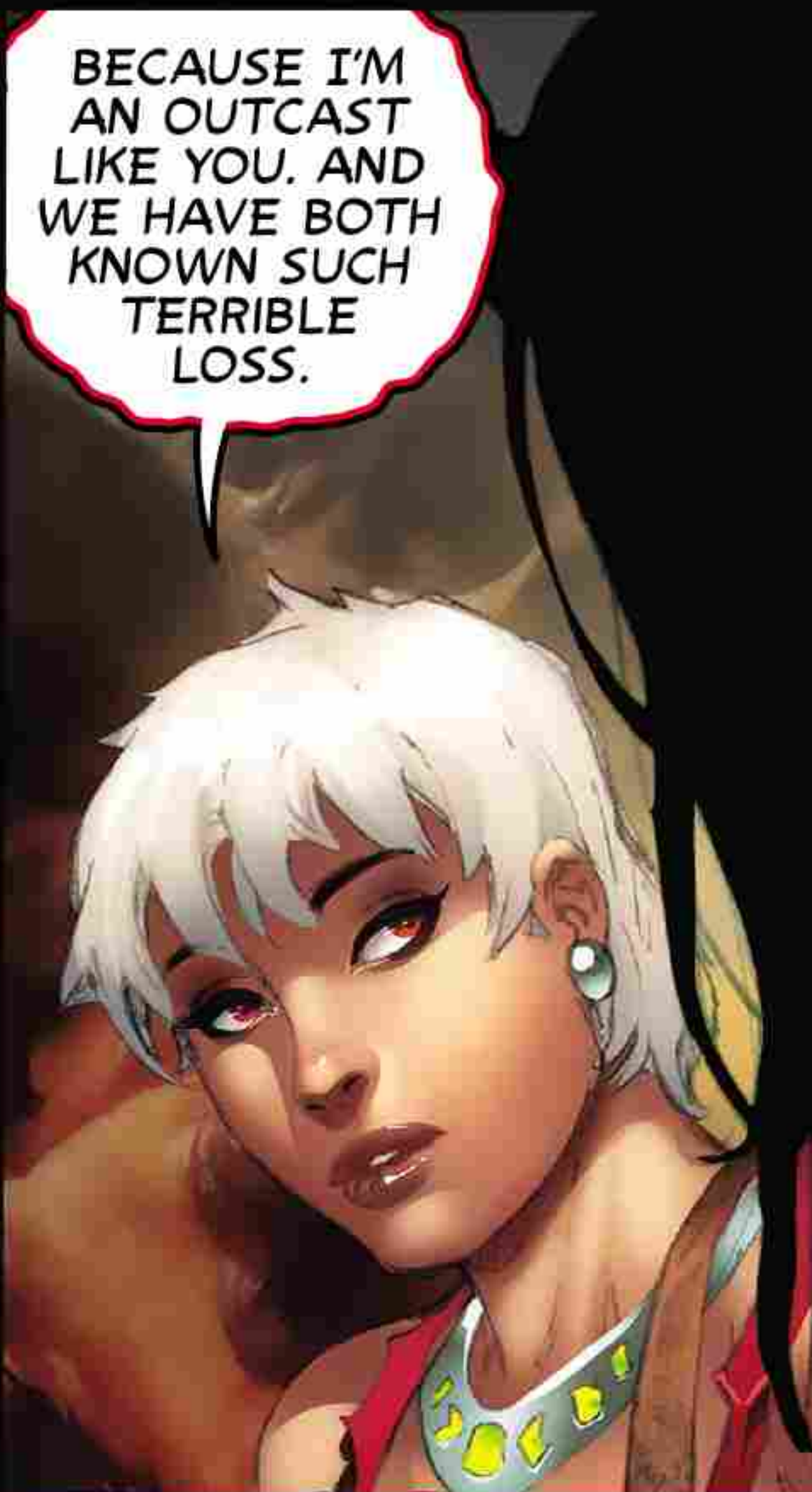
I'D WAGER THE WARDEN RELEASED GORGA FROM HER BAND THEN SENT THE BITCH AFTER ME.

YOKAI WAS AN ELDER LOYALIST. LIKELY, SHE HOLDS ME RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOWNFALL. NOW SHE WANTS TO MAKE ME PAY.

BUT I HAVE OTHER PLANS.

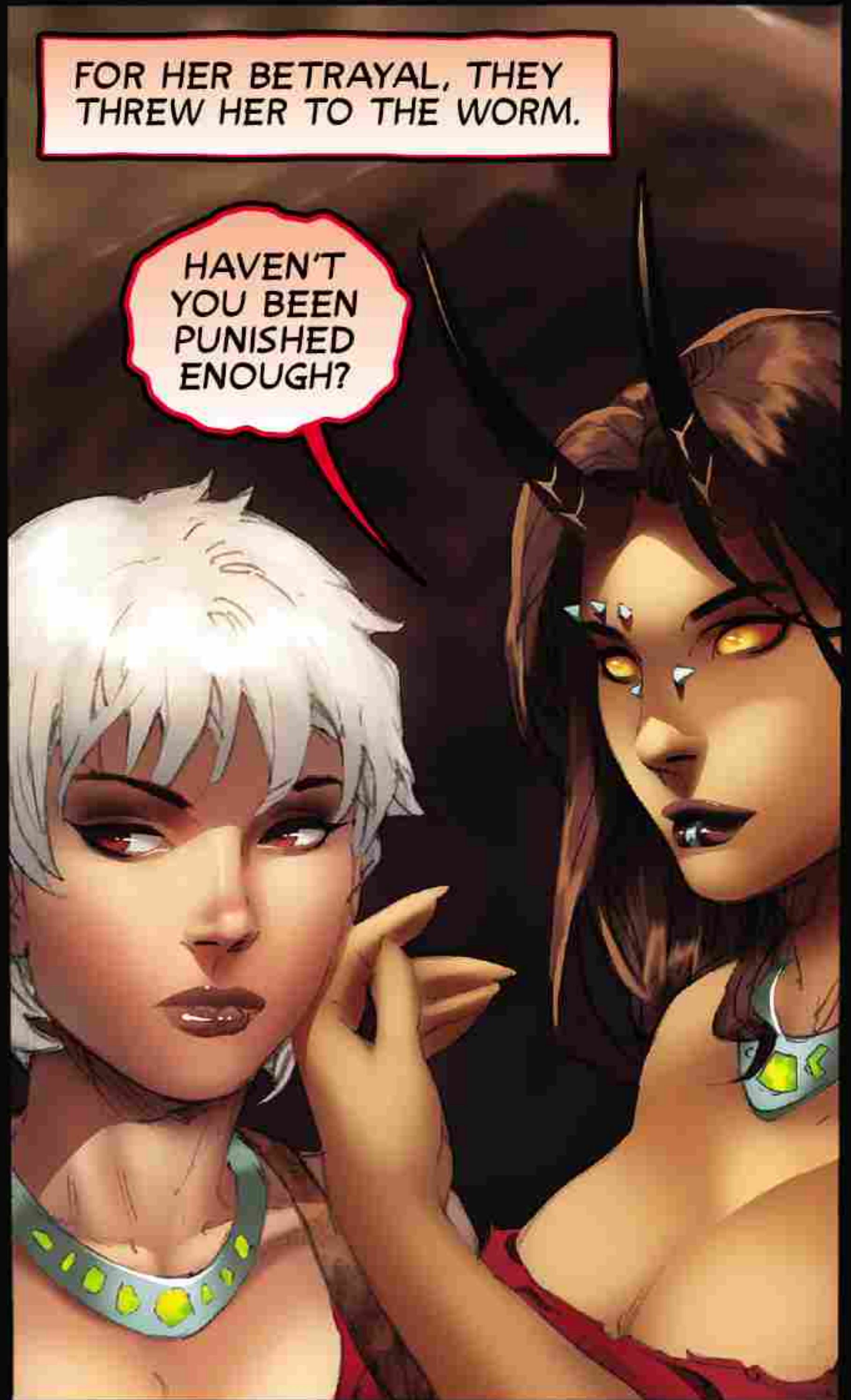


I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. LILIM OF DIS--BORN TO THE HIGH COUNCIL OF HELLBOURNE ELDERS. BUT WHAT I **DON'T** KNOW IS WHY YOU'D HELP ME?



BECAUSE I'M AN OUTCAST LIKE YOU. AND WE HAVE BOTH KNOWN SUCH TERRIBLE LOSS.

SHE TELLS HER STORY. ABOUT LOVING THE WRONG MAN--A REBELLIOUS DEMON HELLIE WHO FAILED THEIR CAUSE. IN THE END, SHE CHOSE HIM OVER HER PEOPLE.



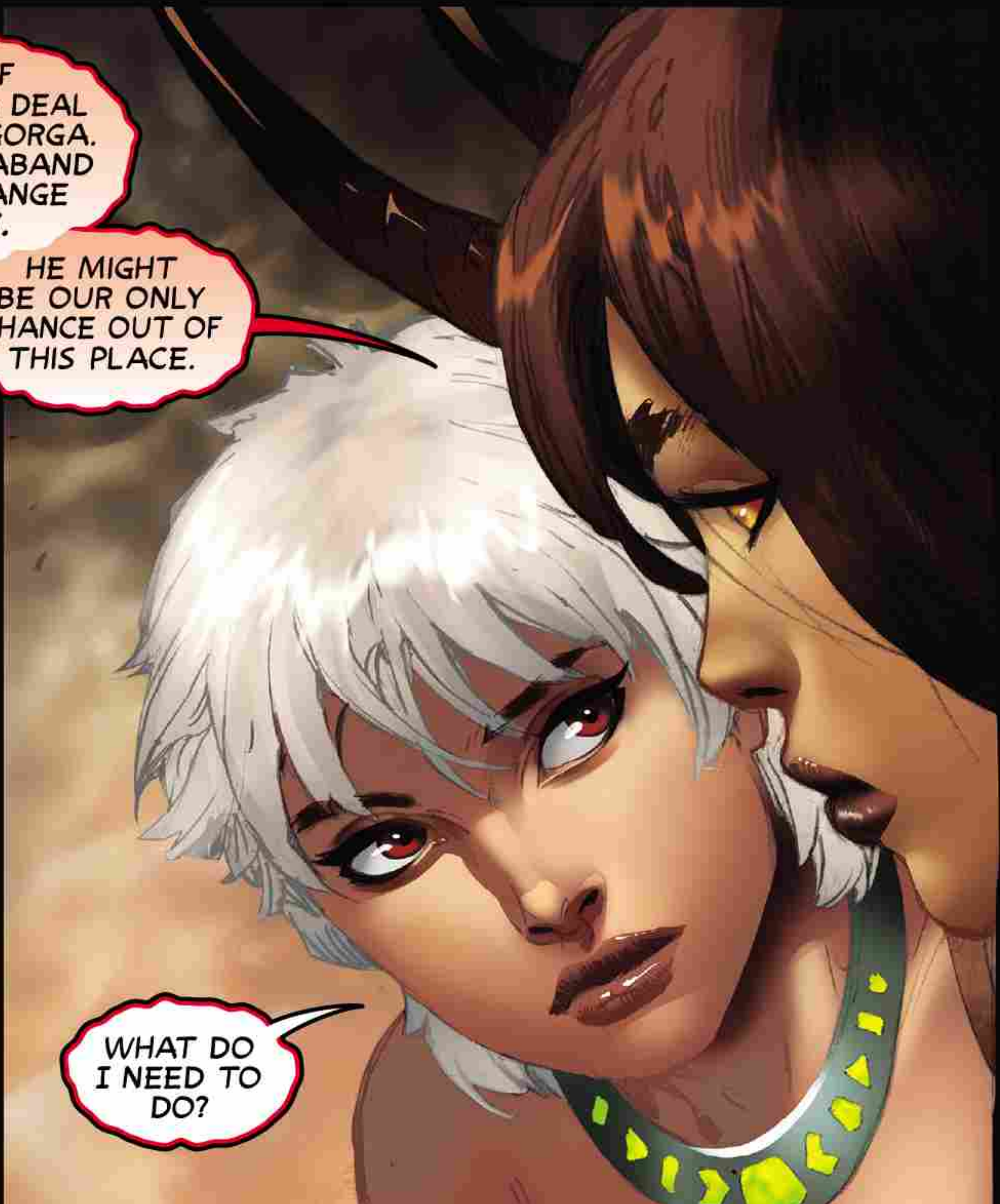
FOR HER BETRAYAL, THEY THREW HER TO THE WORM.

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PUNISHED ENOUGH?



I HEAR ONE OF THE GUARDS HAD A DEAL WITH THAT BITCH GORGA. HE'D MOVE CONTRABAND FOR HER IN EXCHANGE FOR...**FAVORS**.

HE MIGHT BE OUR ONLY CHANCE OUT OF THIS PLACE.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

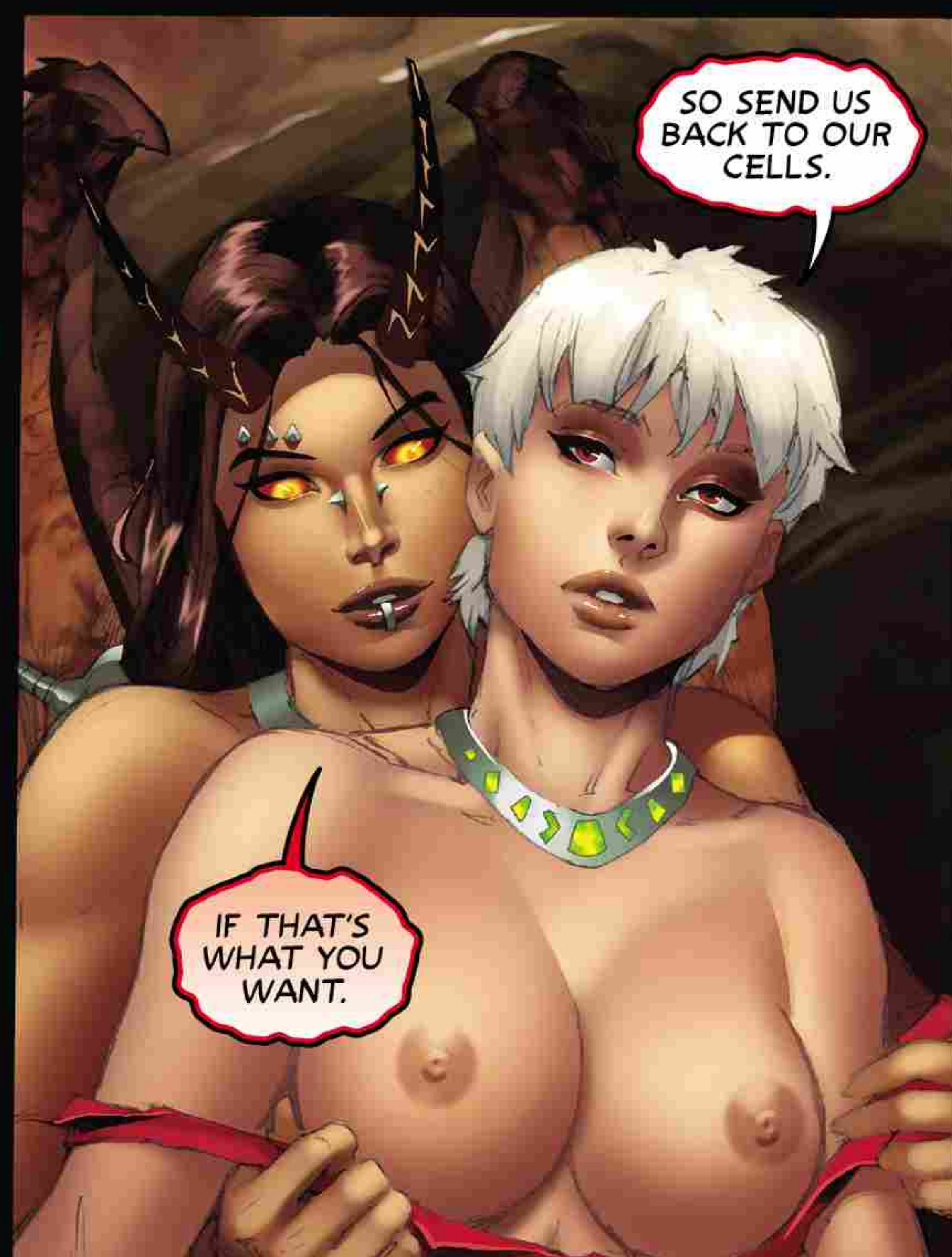


IT'S SO
QUIET UP
HERE.



IT MUST
GET VERY
LONELY.

THIS IS
A RESTRICTED
AREA. YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE.



SO SEND US
BACK TO OUR
CELLS.

IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANT.



THE DAMNED ARE
SO PREDICTABLE.



THE MERE PROMISE
OF FLESH...



AND THEY'RE READY
TO SELL THEIR SOULS
AGAIN.

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE SAME
DEAL I HAD
WITH GORGA,
NO MORE.

YOU DRIVE A
HARD BARGAIN.
YOU LIKE TO
WATCH?

LILIM PLAYS HER
ROLE WELL.

OR MAYBE SHE'S NOT
PLAYING AT ALL.



IS THERE MORE
TO HER KISS?

NO TIME TO THINK
ABOUT THAT NOW.
WE HAVE A PLAN
TO CARRY OUT.



AND SEX MAGICK
IS ALWAYS TRICKY.

CAPTIONEM
CUM
CONCUBITUS



WE'RE
TAKING A
GAMBLE.



HOPING LILIM'S ELDER
BINDING SPELL WILL
PROVE STRONGER THAN
THE PRISON'S CURSE.

IF IT IS, THE GUARD
WILL DO OUR BIDDING
WITHOUT QUESTION.



IT'S NOT
WORKING.

DISTRACT
HIM.



I THINK
IT'S TIME YOU
JOINED IN,
DON'T YOU?



LUCKILY SÉANCE
TAUGHT ME ONE VERY
IMPORTANT LESSON.

ALWAYS HAVE
A BACKUP PLAN.



VRUNNNNN

IEEEEEEEE!



WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!

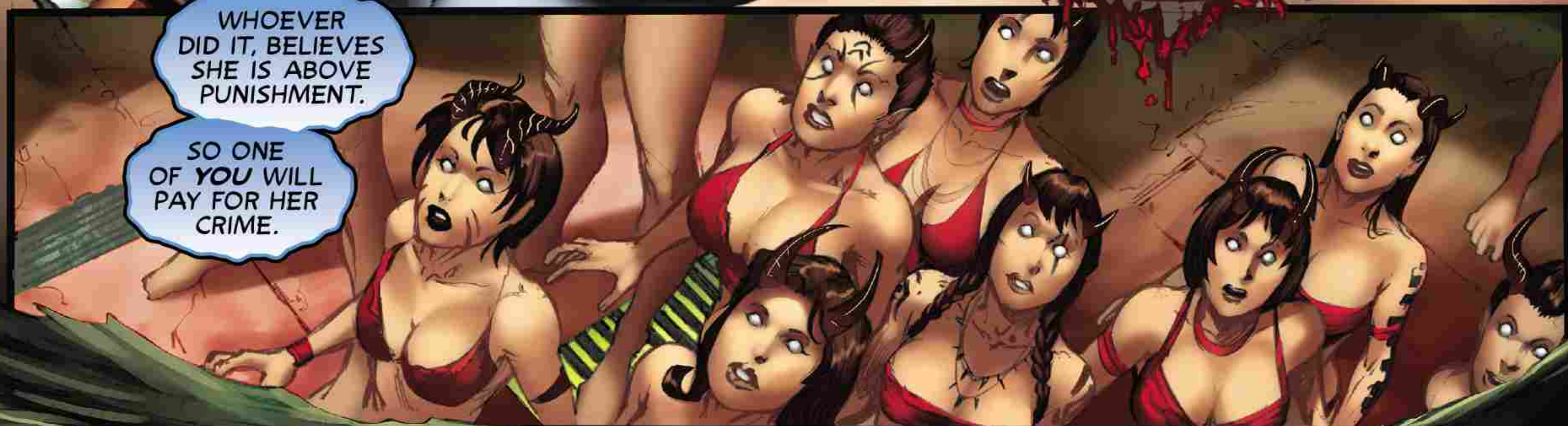
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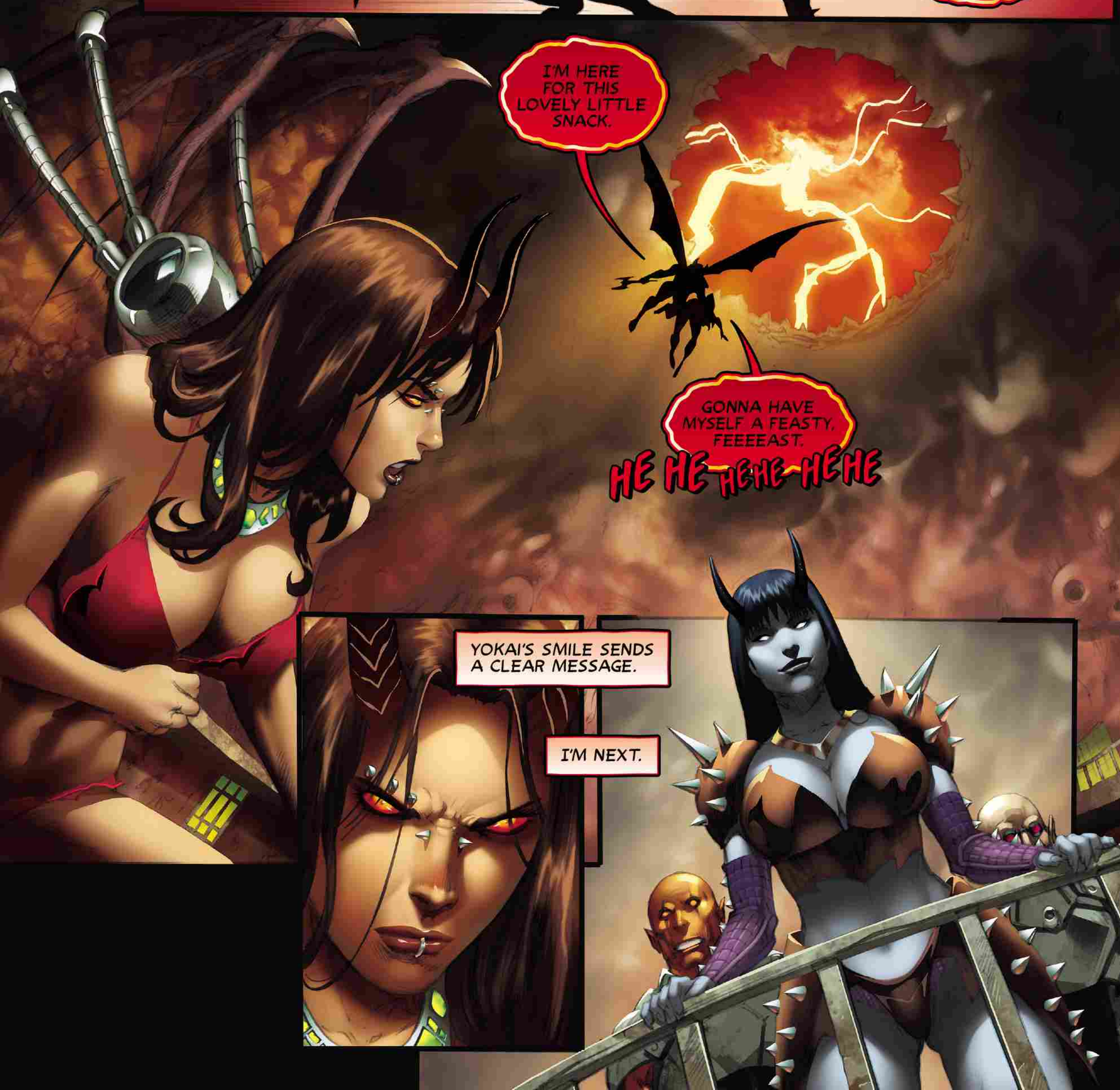
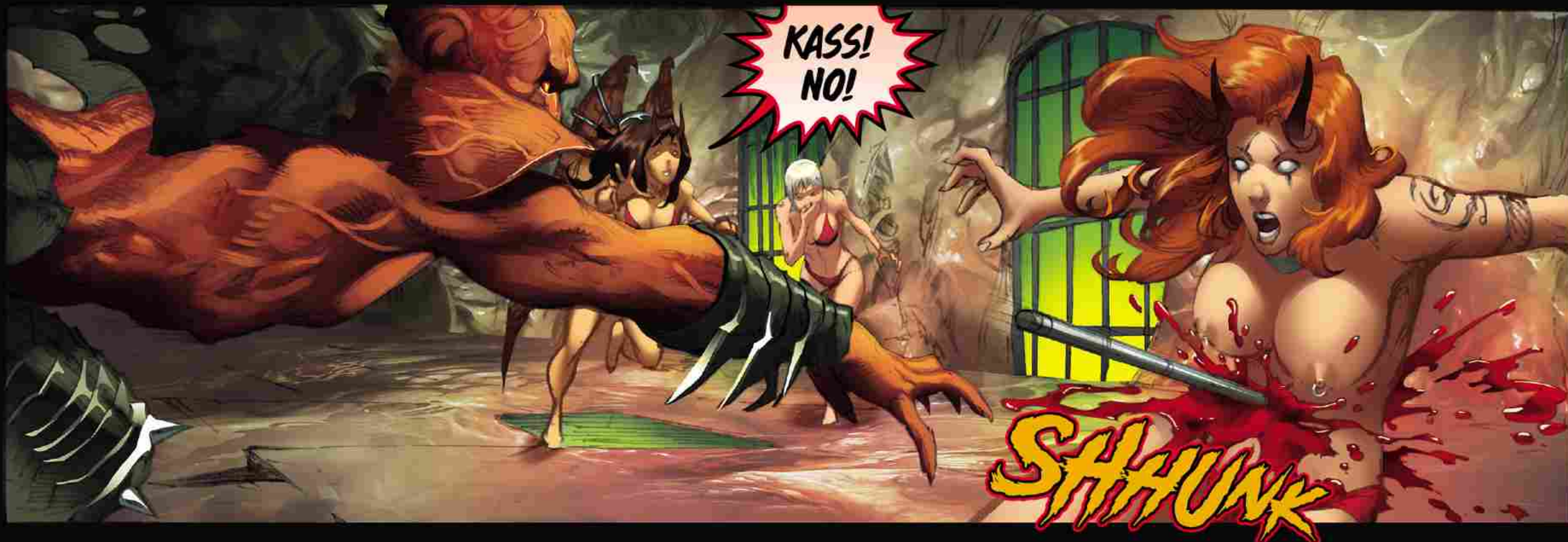
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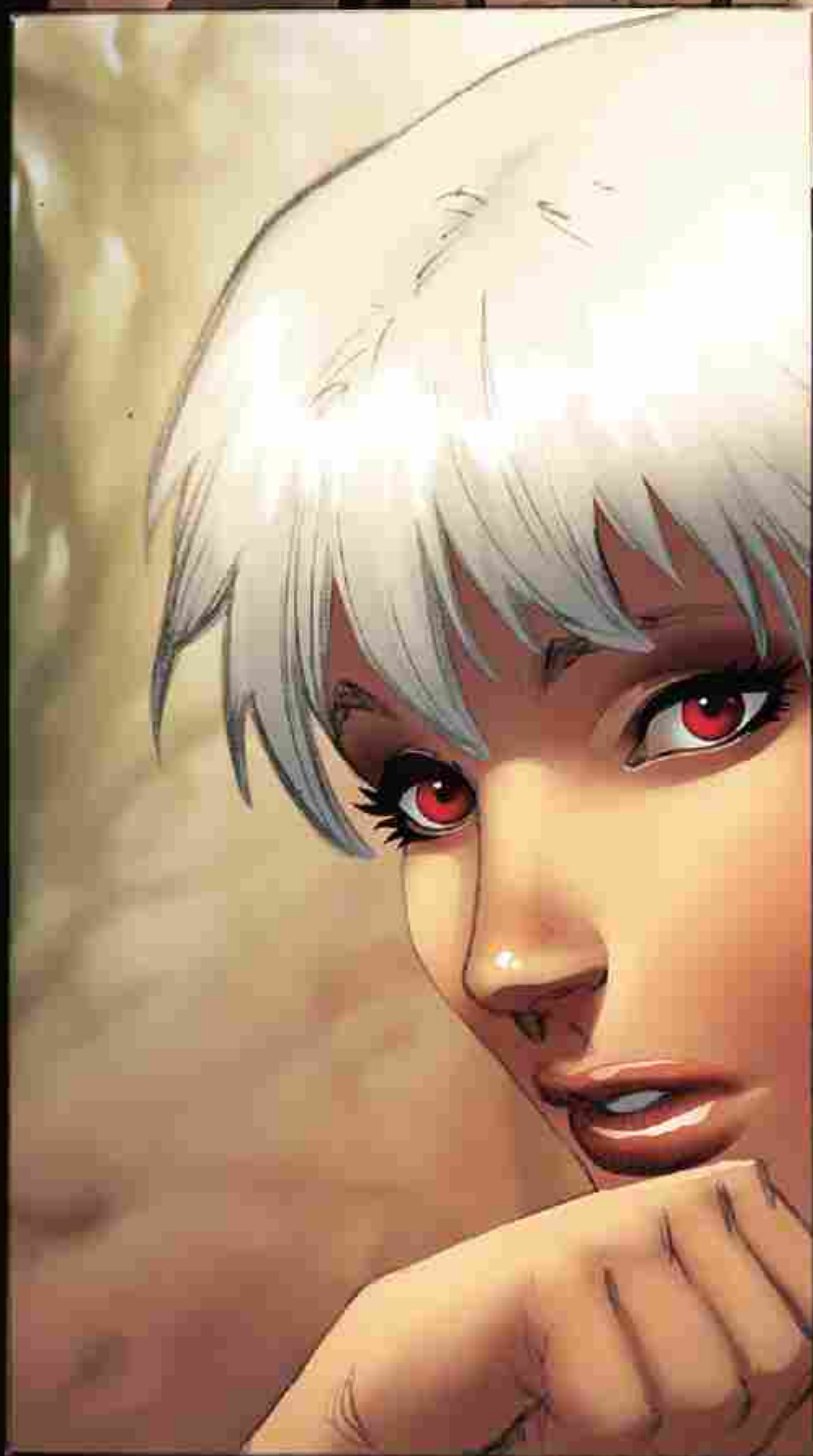


WE'LL BOIL IN
NIDHOGG'S GUTS
FOR THIS.

AND
HOW CAN THE
BASTARD HELP US
WITH HIS HEAD
ROLLING ACROSS
THE FLOOR?









HELLIE
BITCH!

I'LL
RIP OUT
YOUR FUCKING
HELLBOURNE
THROAT!

AND THE WHOLE
DAMNED PRISON ERUPTS.

RIOT IN
CELL BLOCK
SIX!



THE ROAR OF VIOLENCE
ECHOES THROUGHOUT
THE PRISON.



SO IT'S EASY
TO GO
UNNOTICED.



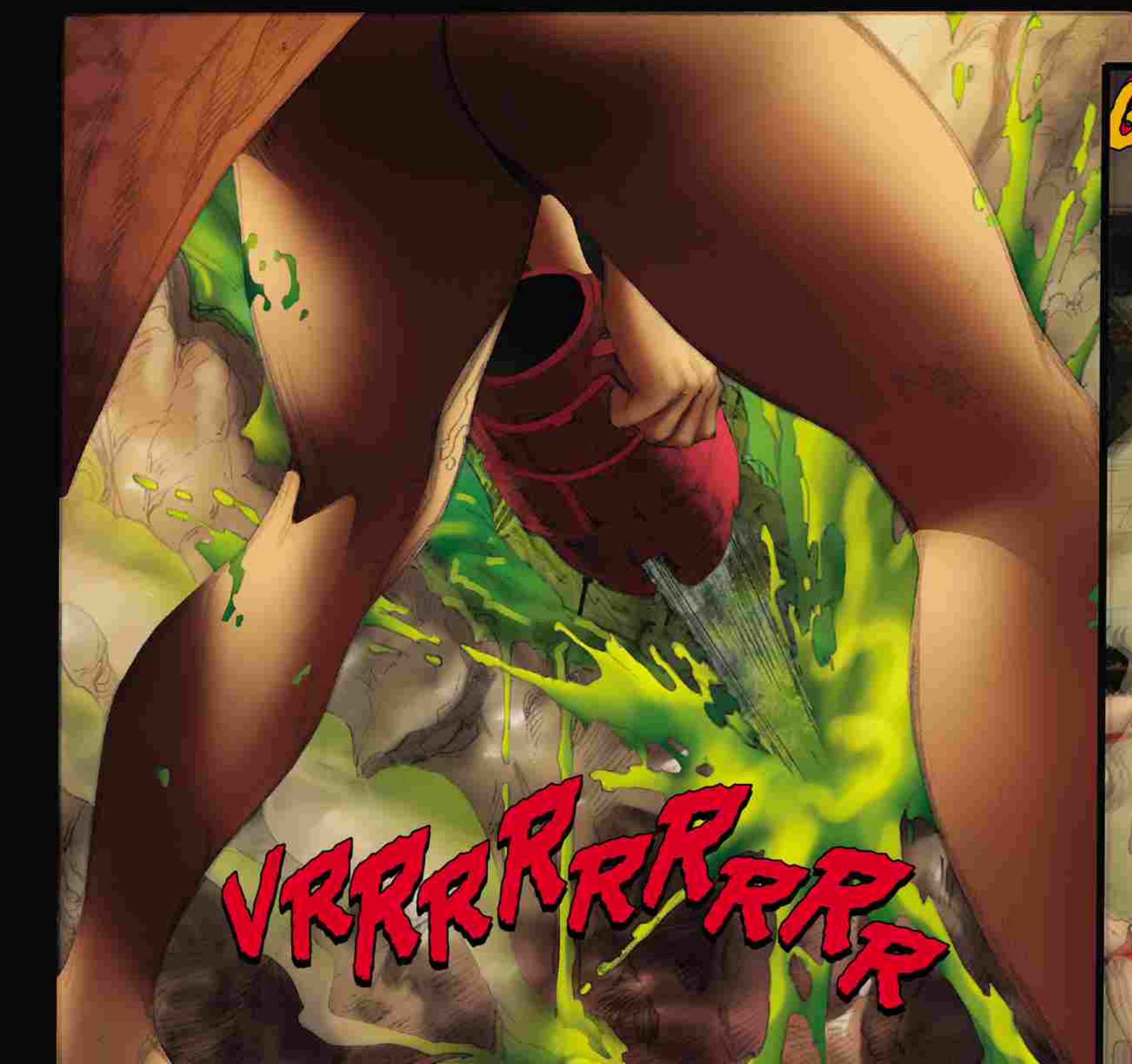


I THANK HOLY HELL
THE GUARDS DIDN'T
FIND MY HIDING
PLACE.

AND PRAY THIS
CHUNK OF CURSED
METAL IS ENOUGH...



TO PIERCE THE
HIDE OF A GREAT
WORM OF HELL.



VRRRRRRRRRR



GRRRRRRMMMMMM

WHA--
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

EARTHQUAKE?!

I KEEP CUTTING, EVEN
AS THE CHAMBER
AROUND ME TREMBLES.



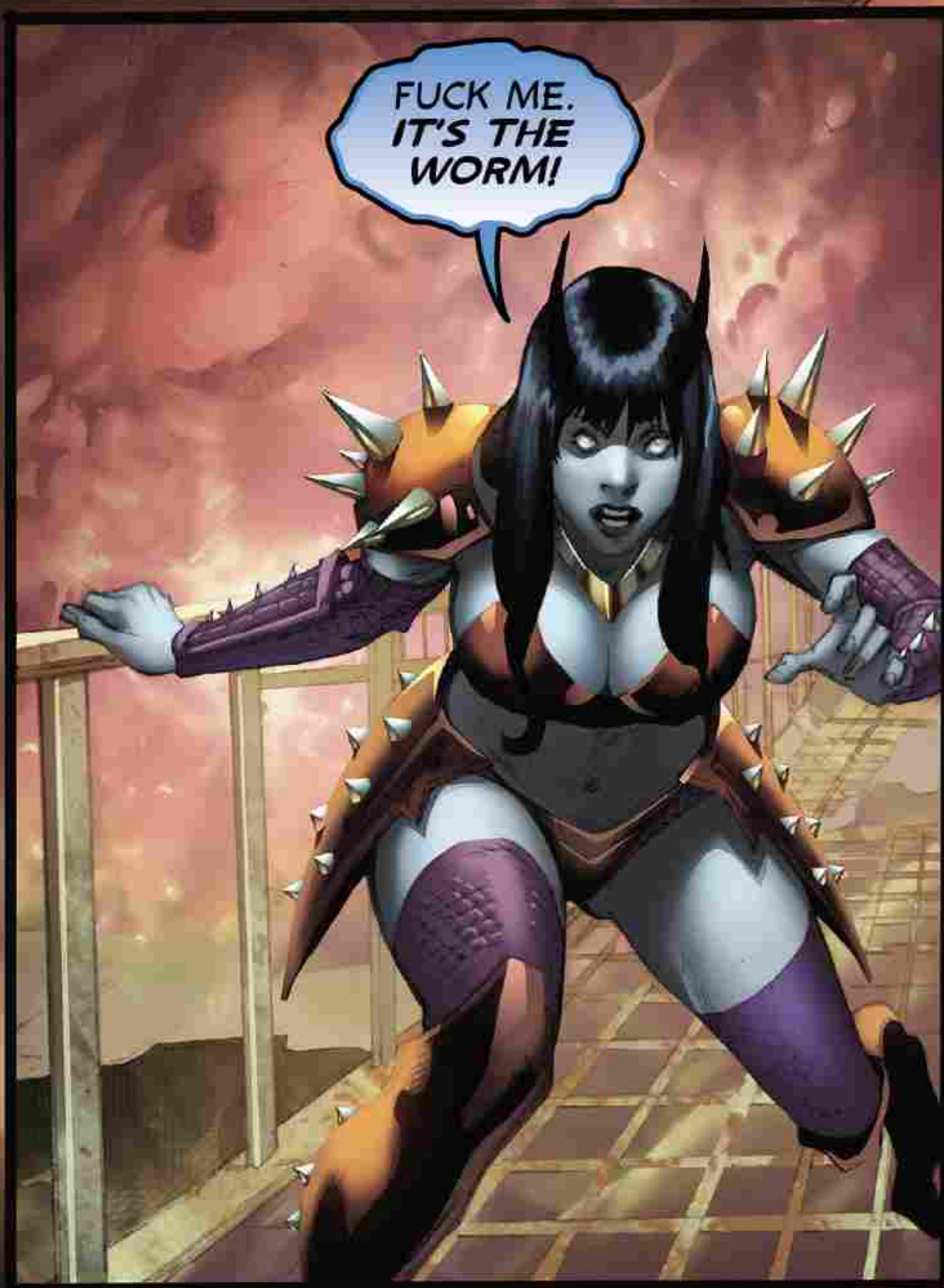
AND THE FATES
REWARD ME.



NOW LET'S SEE
IF THIS THING CAN
CUT THROUGH
CURSED IRONS.



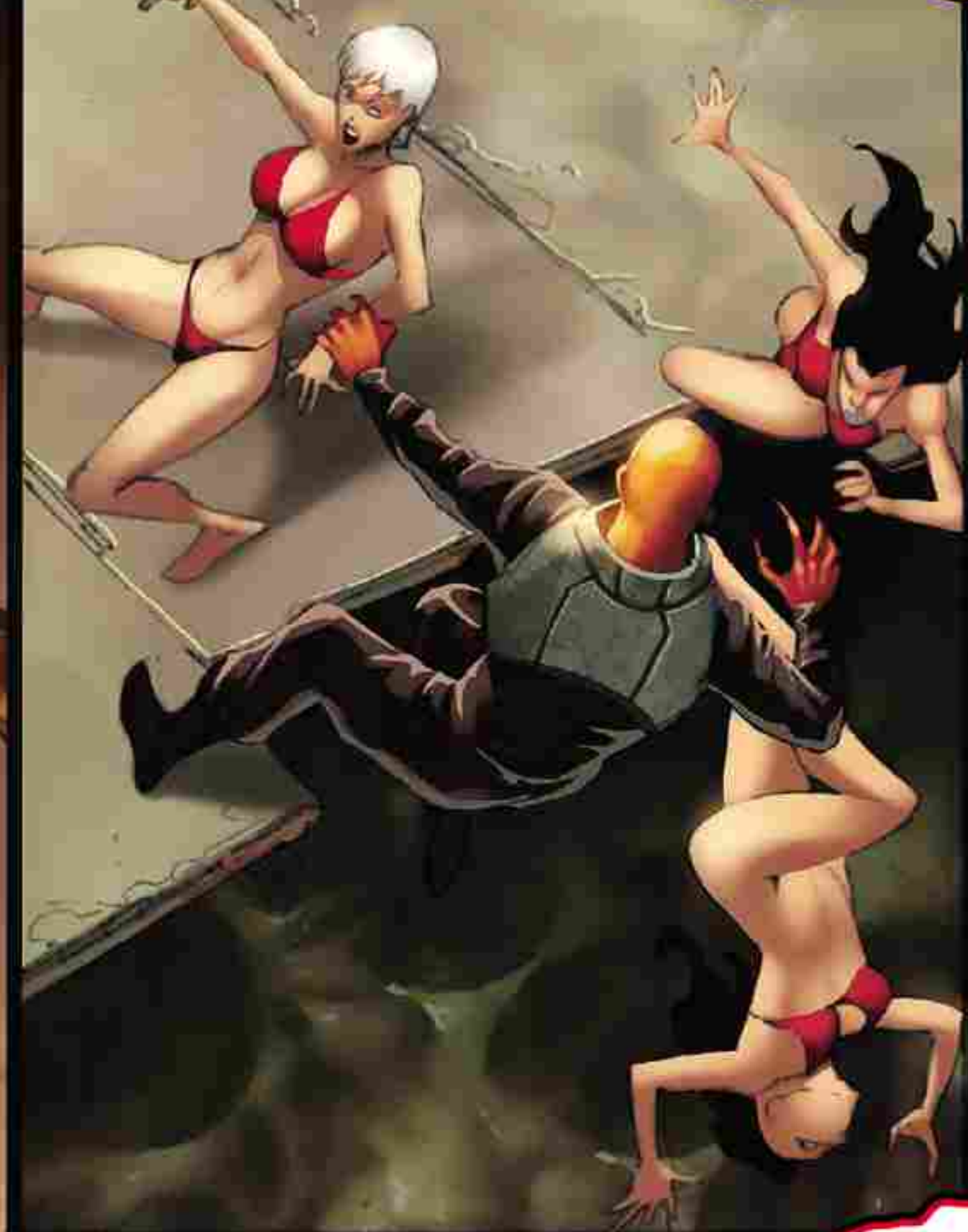
FUCK ME.
IT'S THE
WORM!



"THE GREAT
NIDHOGG HAS
AWOKEN!"



GRUMMMBBB



NOO!
NOT LIKE
THIS!



HELLWITCH?
BUT YOUR WINGS
ARE FREE. HOW IS
IT POSSIBLE?

I'LL TELL
YOU ONCE WE'RE
OUT OF THIS
PLACE.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW
NIDHOGG'S SECRET--
A SECRET I LEARNED
LONG BEFORE COMING
TO TORMENTIA.

...HOW THE WORM
DISRUPTS MAGICAL
ENERGY AS IT SLEEPS.

...HOW THE WARDEN'S CURSE
BANDS ONLY DRAIN PRISONERS
OF THEIR POWERS SO LONG
AS NIDHOGG SLUMBERS.

BUT NOW THAT
I'VE AWOKEN THE
WORM, OUR MAGIC
HAS RETURNED.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE
FOR THESE POOR SLAGS.



WE ESCAPE THE WORM'S
FANGS, AND FOR A
MOMENT, I FEEL PEACE.

BUT ONLY FOR
A MOMENT.

GAAAAAH!

UGGGGH...

YOU POOR,
PRECIOUS
THING. DID THAT
HURT?

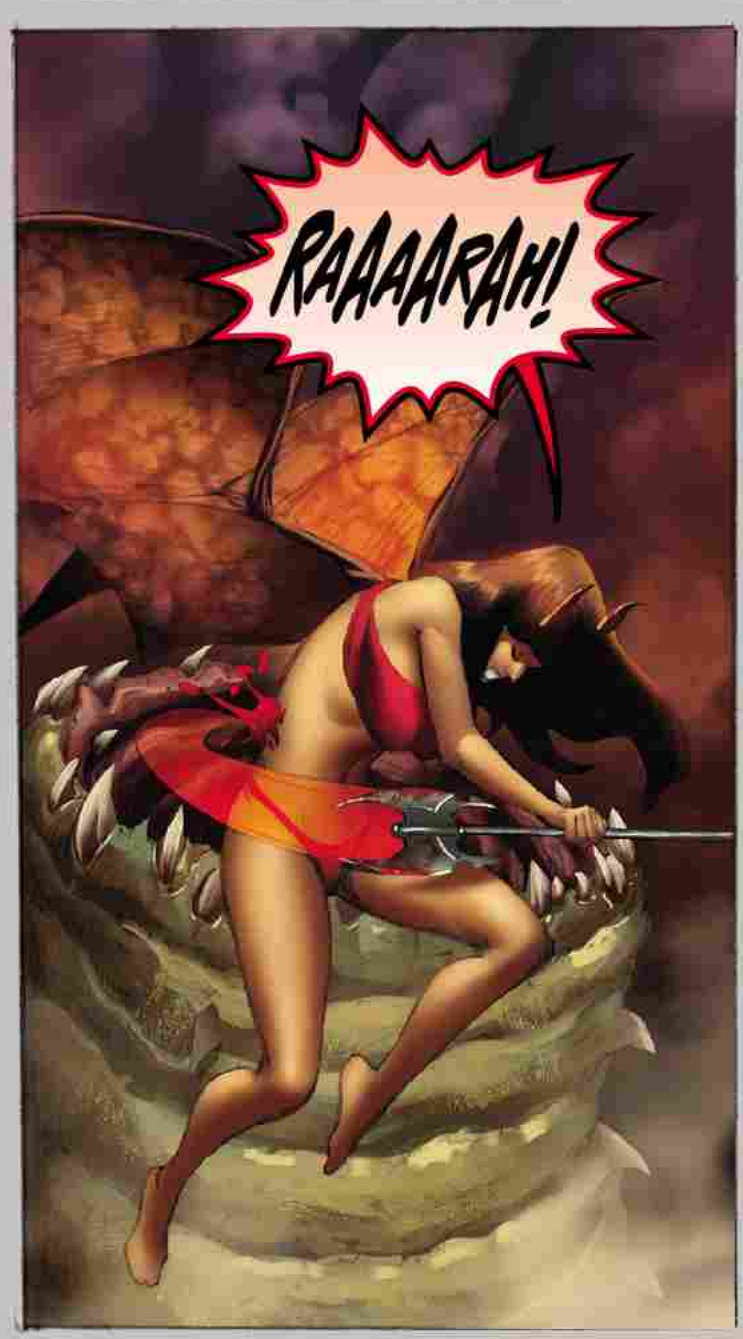
LET ME KISS
IT AND MAKE IT
BETTER. WOULD
YOU LIKE THAT,
YOU **DECEIVING
BITCH?**

FIRST YOU
BETRAY YOUR
FELLOW ELDERS.
THEN YOU TRY TO
LEAVE ME, AFTER
EVERYTHING I'VE
DONE FOR
YOU.

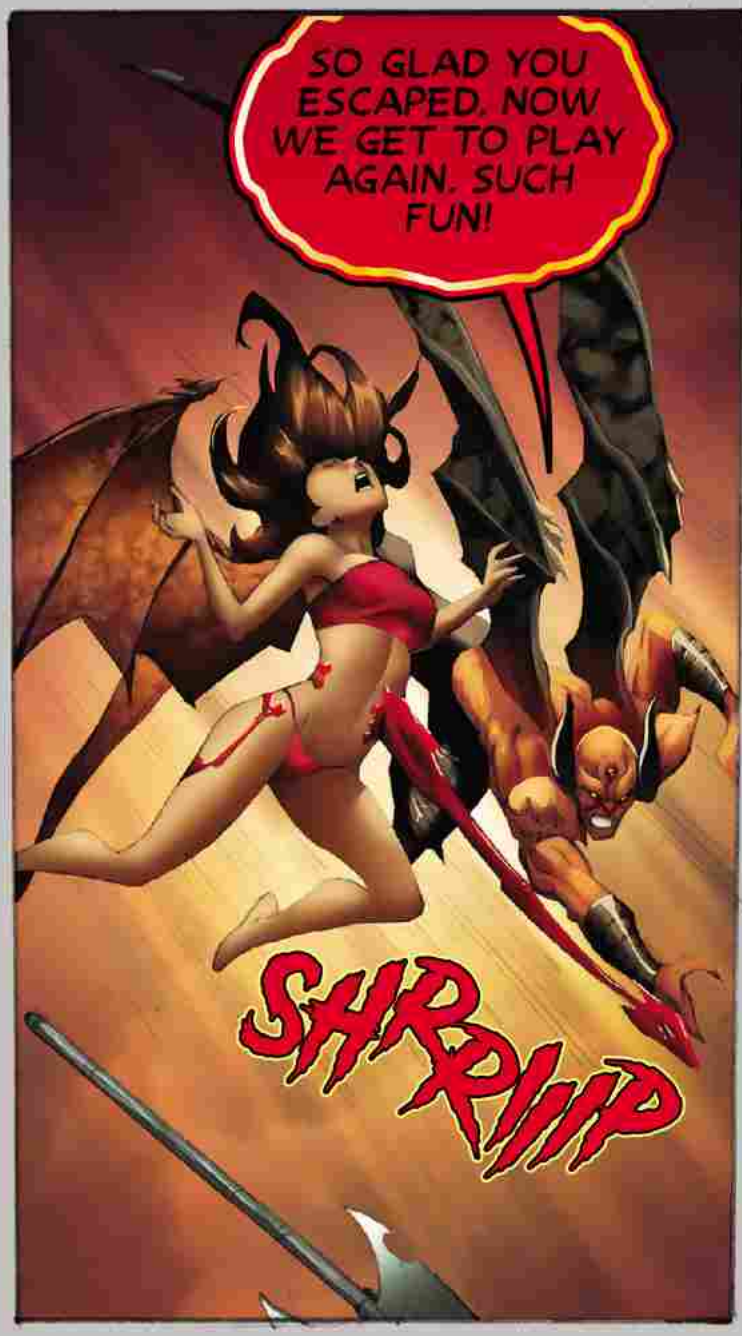


THINK AGAIN, YOU TREACHEROUS WHORE.

IF YOU WON'T BE MINE, I'LL DROWN YOU IN FIRE.



RAAAAH!



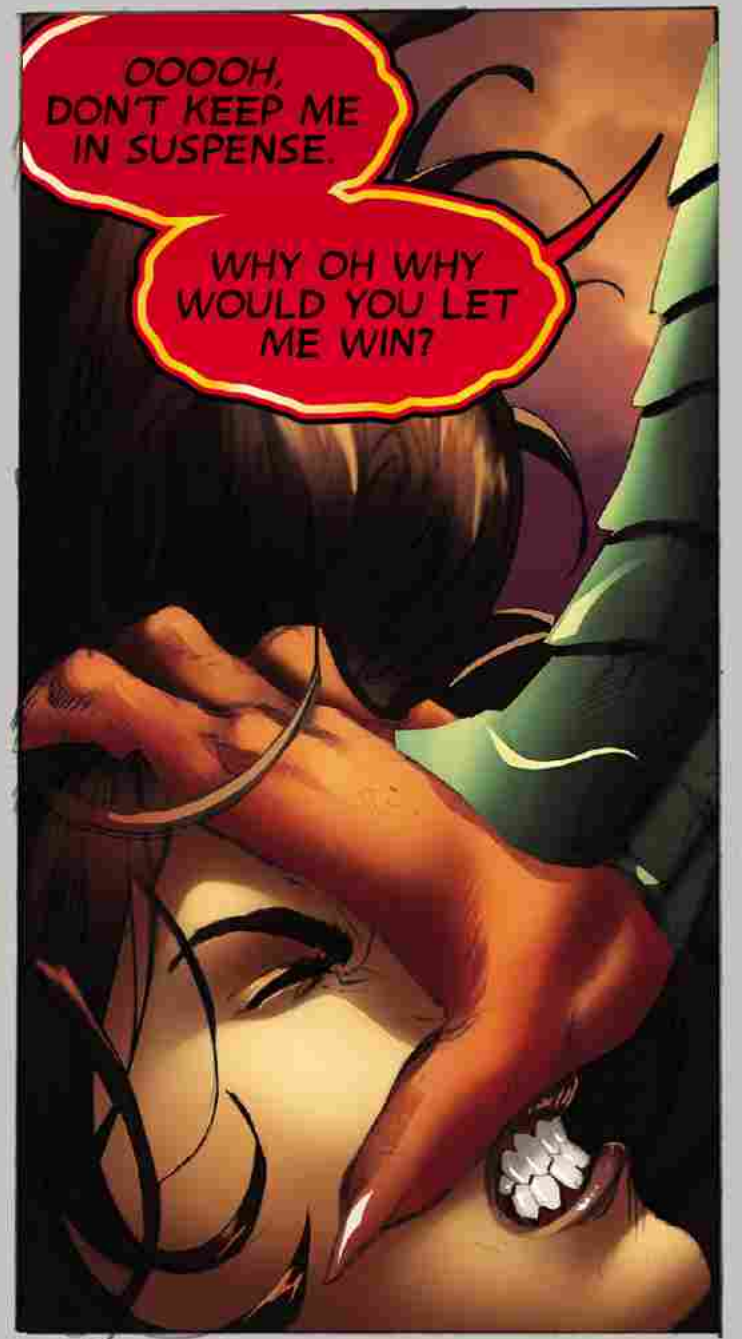
SO GLAD YOU ESCAPED. NOW WE GET TO PLAY AGAIN. SUCH FUN!

SHRIMP



UGGGGG. I HAVE A SECRET TO TELL YOU, YOU FILTHY, PSYCHOTIC ABOMINATION. THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT...

I LET YOU WIN.



OOOHH, DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE.

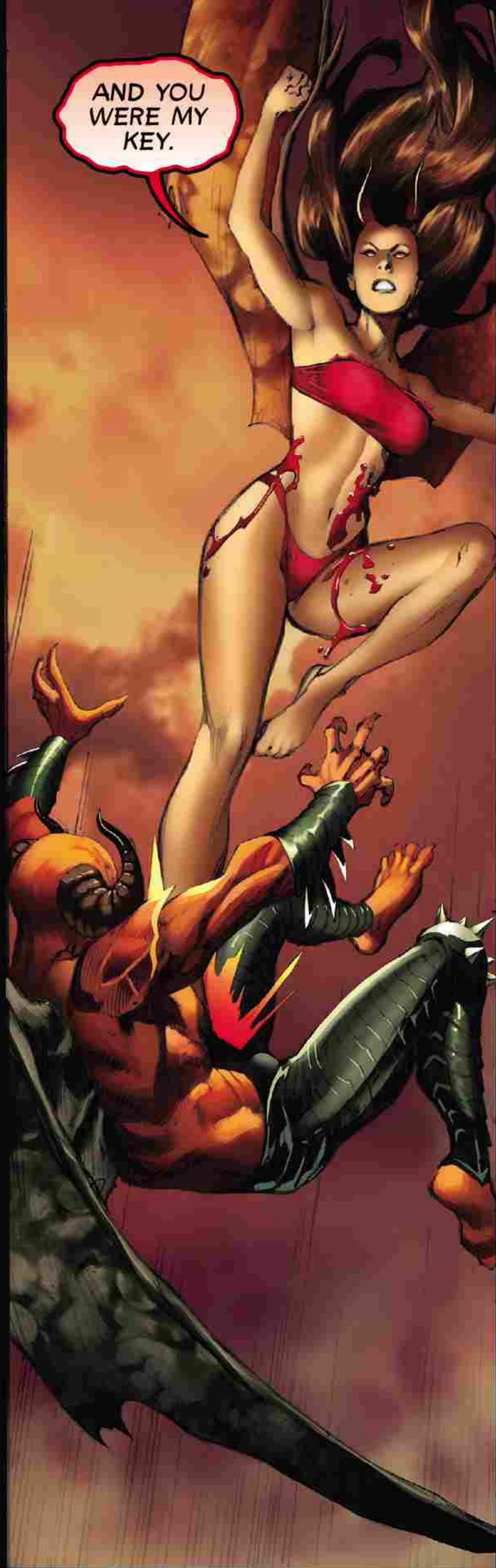
WHY OH WHY WOULD YOU LET ME WIN?



BECAUSE I NEEDED INSIDE THAT PRISON.

ERGGAHHH!

SHRACK

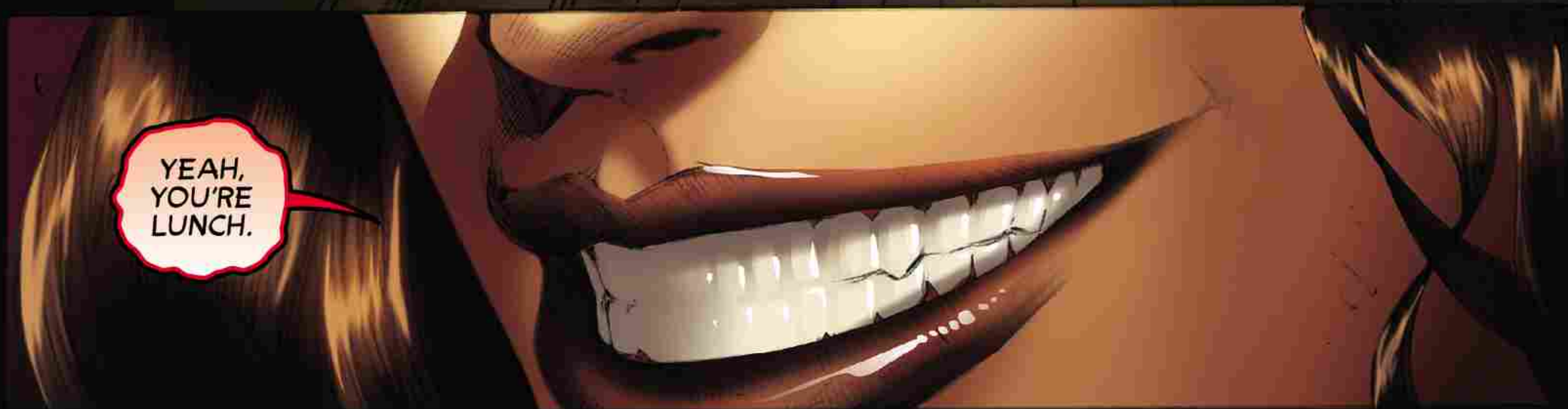


AND YOU
WERE MY
KEY.



I'VE HUNTED
DOWN EVERY KIND
OF DEMON, DEVIL,
AND DAMNED IN
HELL. AND YOU
THINK YOU
CAN BEAT ME,
GIRLIE?

DO YOU
EVEN KNOW
WHAT
I AM?!



YEAH,
YOU'RE
LUNCH.



CHOMP



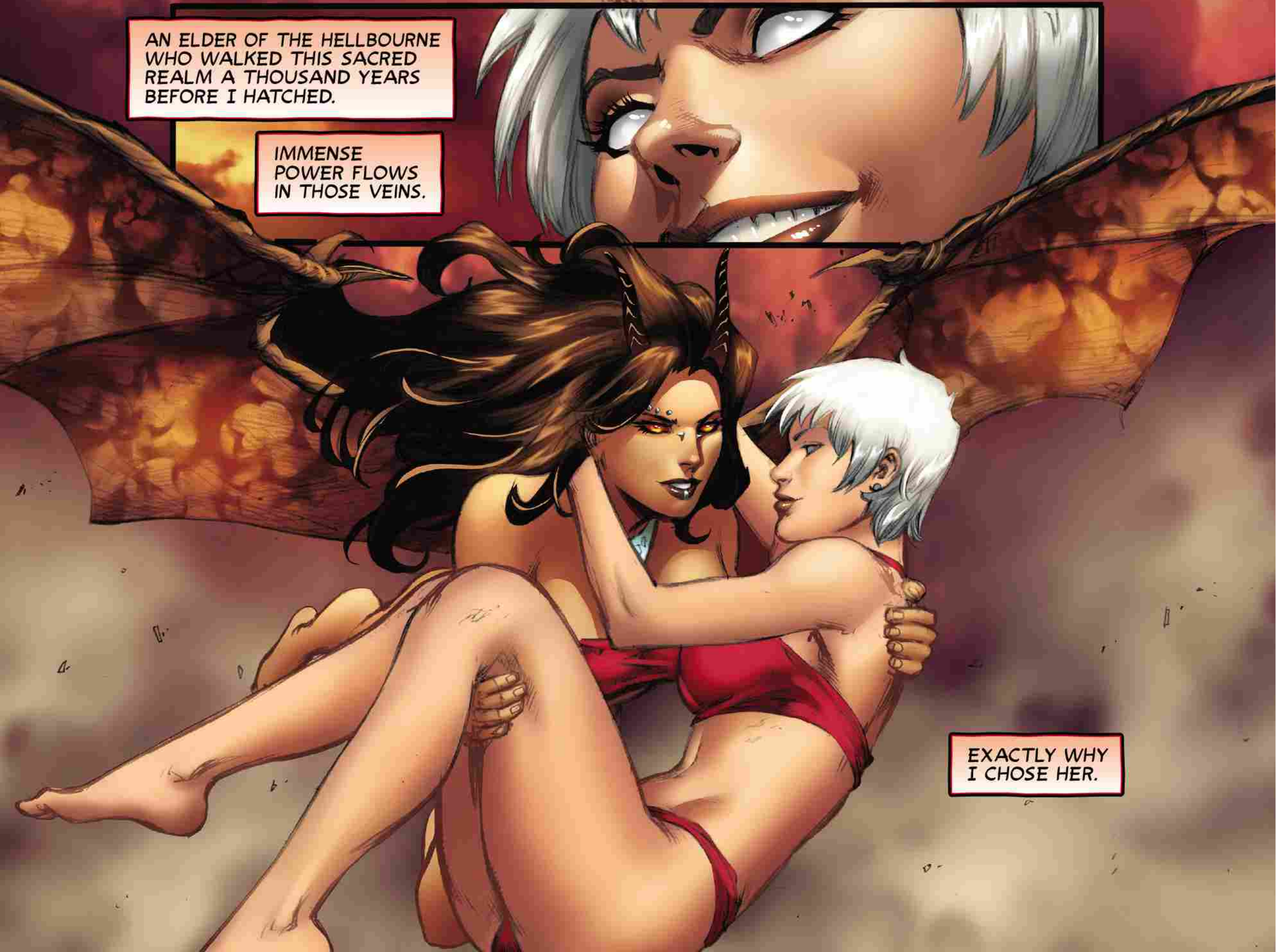
SO I HURT
HER FIRST.



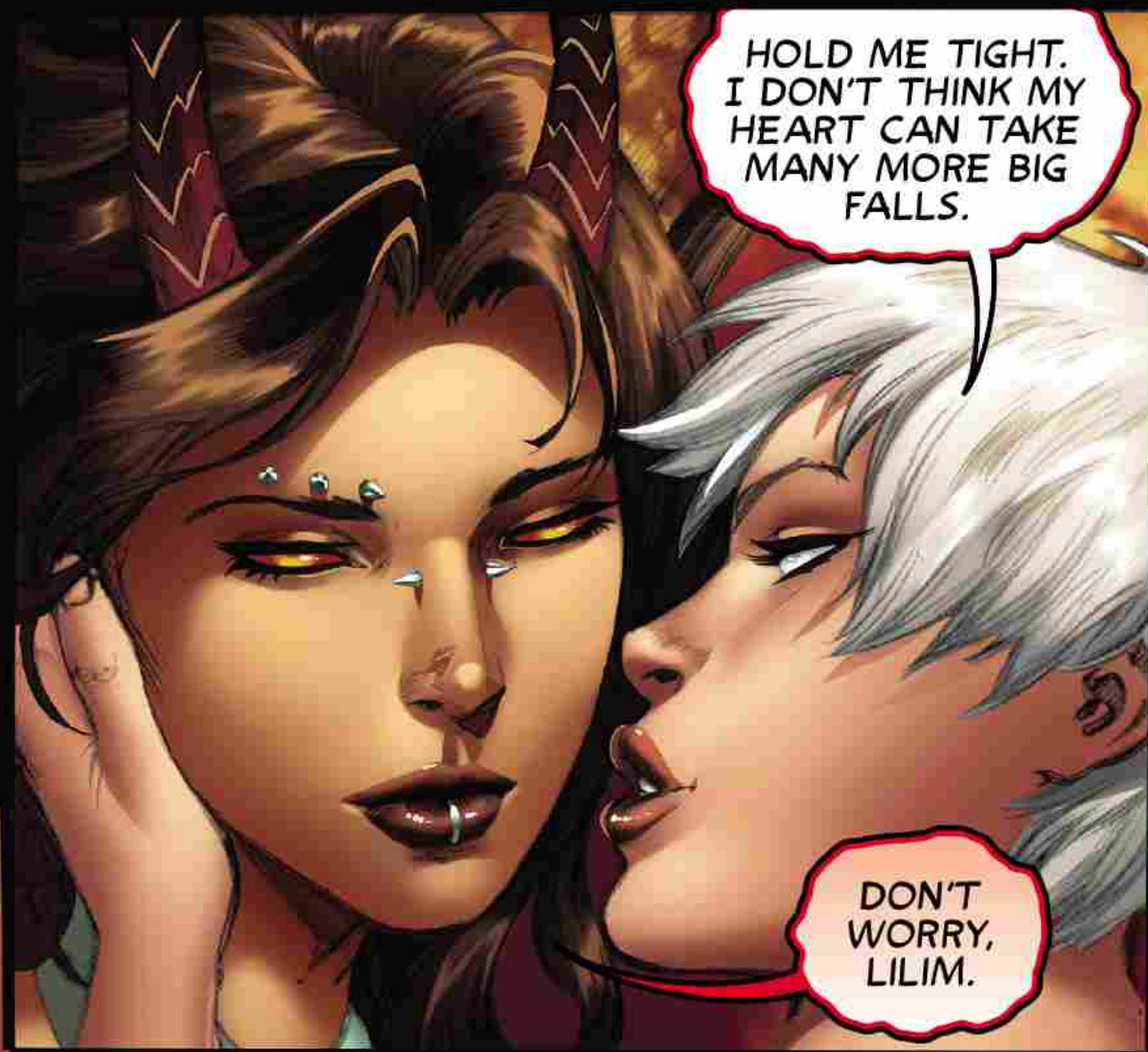
GAZING UPON
THAT BEAUTIFUL,
INNOCENT FACE
IT'S EASY TO
FORGET WHAT
SHE IS.

AN ELDER OF THE HELLBOURNE
WHO WALKED THIS SACRED
REALM A THOUSAND YEARS
BEFORE I HATCHED.

IMMENSE
POWER FLOWS
IN THOSE VEINS.



EXACTLY WHY
I CHOSE HER.



HOLD ME TIGHT. I DON'T THINK MY HEART CAN TAKE MANY MORE BIG FALLS.

DON'T WORRY, LILIM.



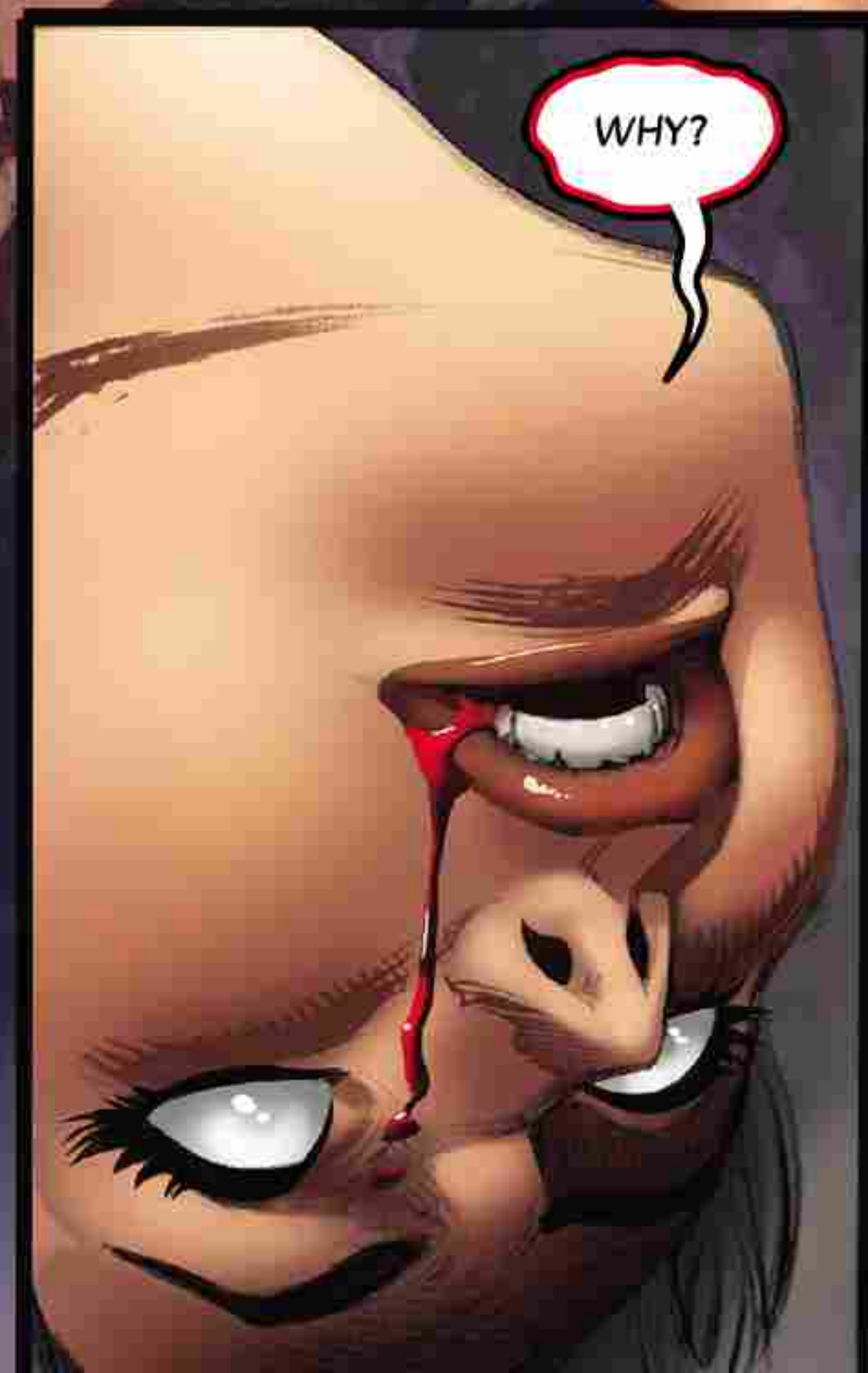
THIS WILL BE THE LAST ONE.

AAAAHHHHHHH!

BY THE TIME I REACH HER, SHE'S DONE SCREAMING.



I CAN SMELL HER HELLBOURNE BLOOD AS IT OOZES DOWN THE IRON SHAFT TO THE GROUND BELOW.

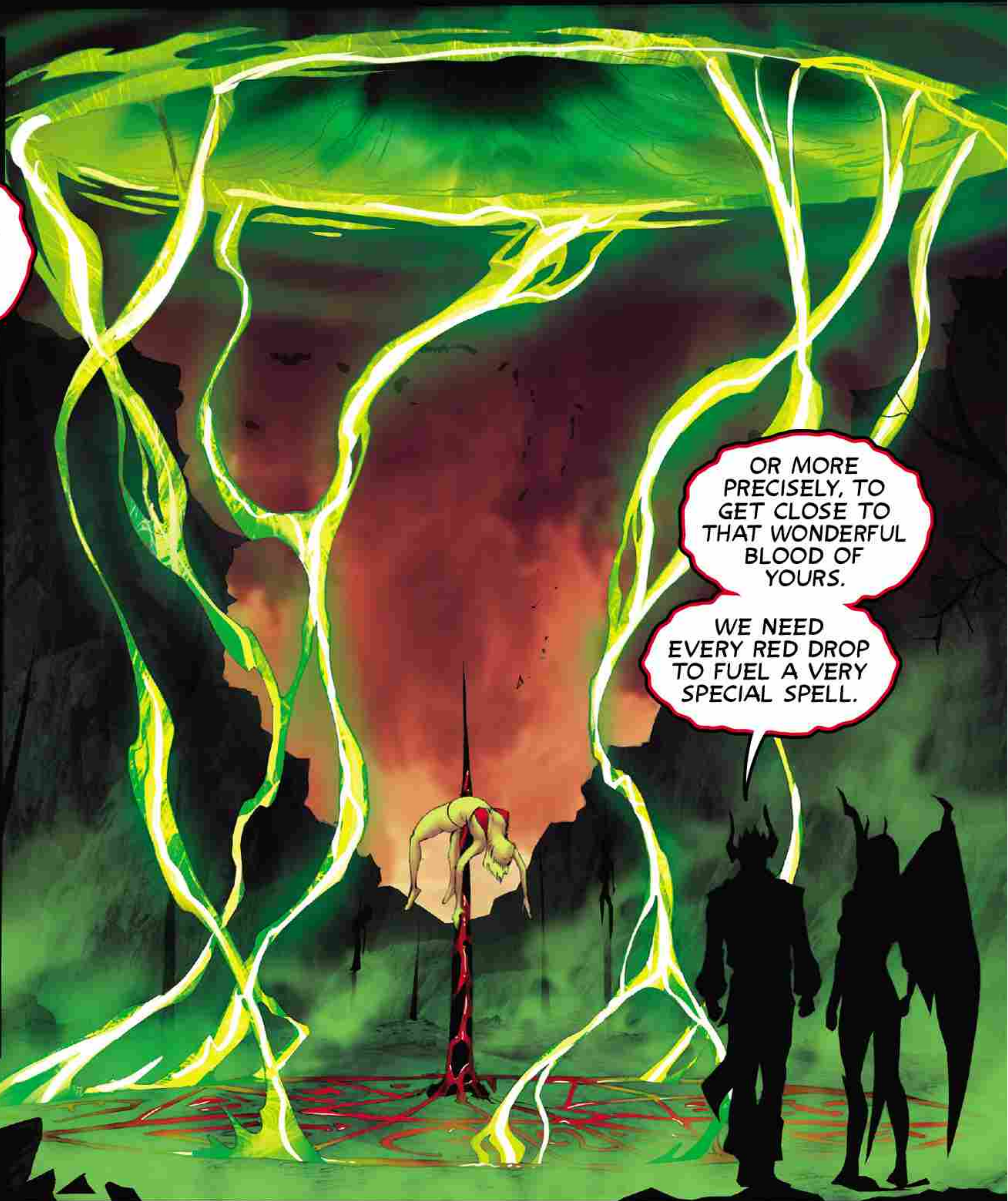


WHY?



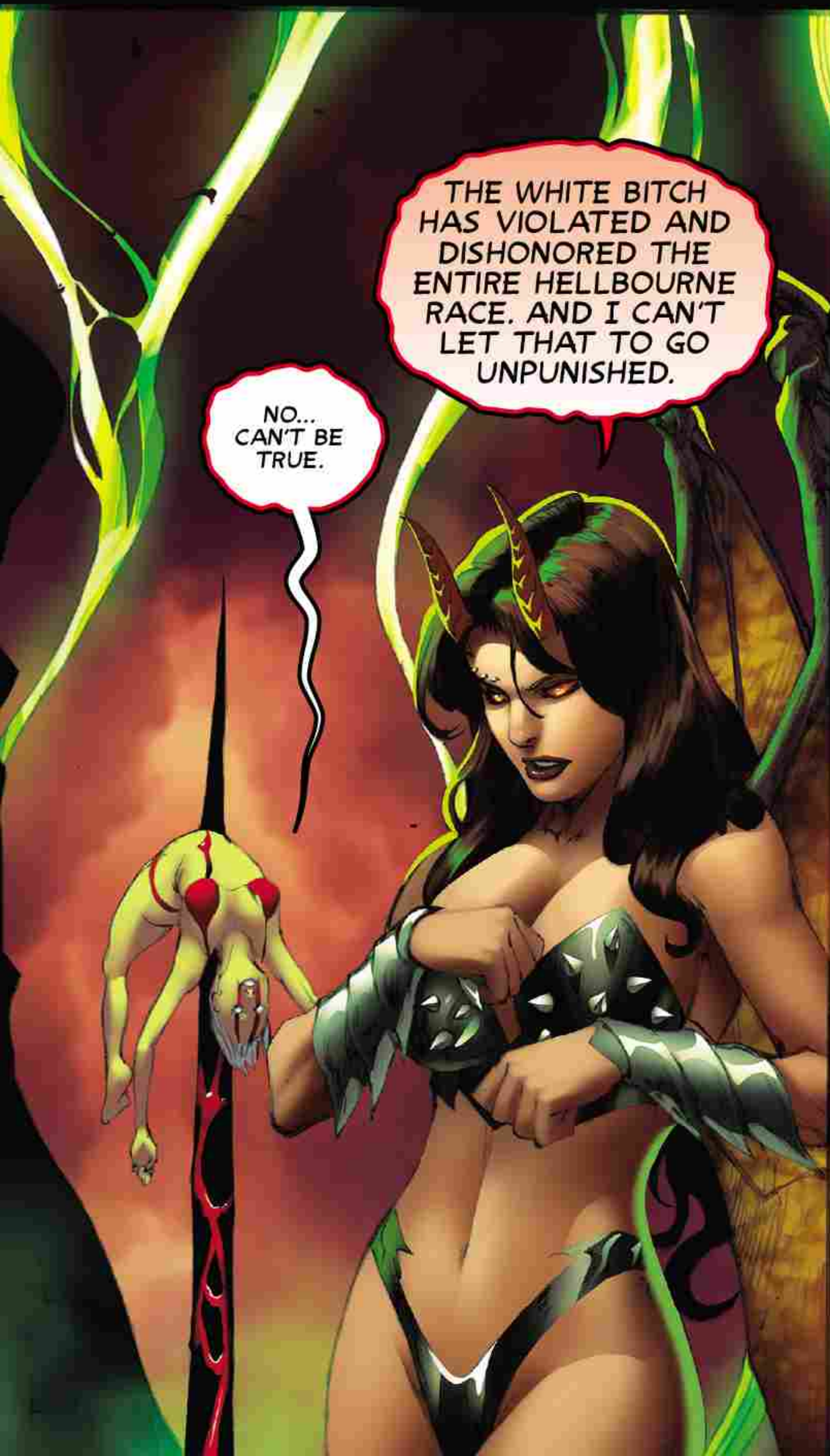
PERMIT ME TO ANSWER THAT. MY LOVELY, LETHAL APPRENTICE ALLOWED HERSELF TO BE CAPTURED.

SHE SUFFERED ALL THAT HUMILIATION, ALL THOSE BEATINGS, MERELY TO GET CLOSE TO YOU.



OR MORE PRECISELY, TO GET CLOSE TO THAT WONDERFUL BLOOD OF YOURS.

WE NEED EVERY RED DROP TO FUEL A VERY SPECIAL SPELL.

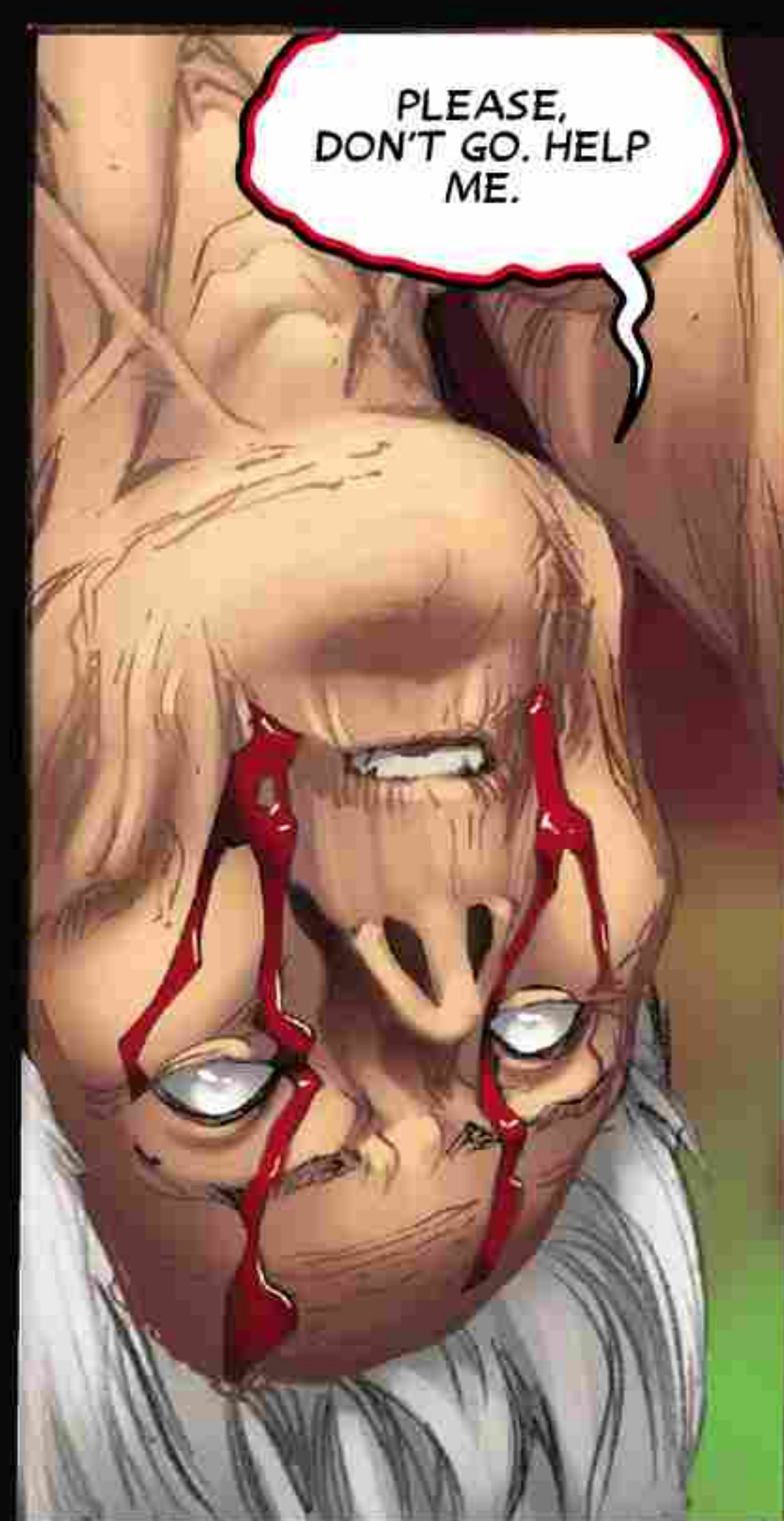


THE WHITE BITCH HAS VIOLATED AND DISHONORED THE ENTIRE HELLBOURNE RACE. AND I CAN'T LET THAT GO UNPUNISHED.

NO... CAN'T BE TRUE.



AND NOW IS YOUR CHANCE. THE SPELL IS CAST. THE GATE IS OPEN.



PLEASE, DON'T GO. HELP ME.



PRAY FOR OBLIVION. YOUR PLEAS MEAN NOTHING TO ME.

I HAVE VENGEANCE TO WREAK.

Phoenix, Arizona.

IN HELL, BASTARDS
CAN SUFFER AN
ETERNITY, YET NO
ONE DIES.

BUT *HERE*, IN THIS
PATHETIC WORLD, LIFE
CAN BE CUT DOWN IN
A BLOODY INSTANT.

HERE, ONCE AND
FOR ALL, I WILL
**KILL LADY
DEATH!**

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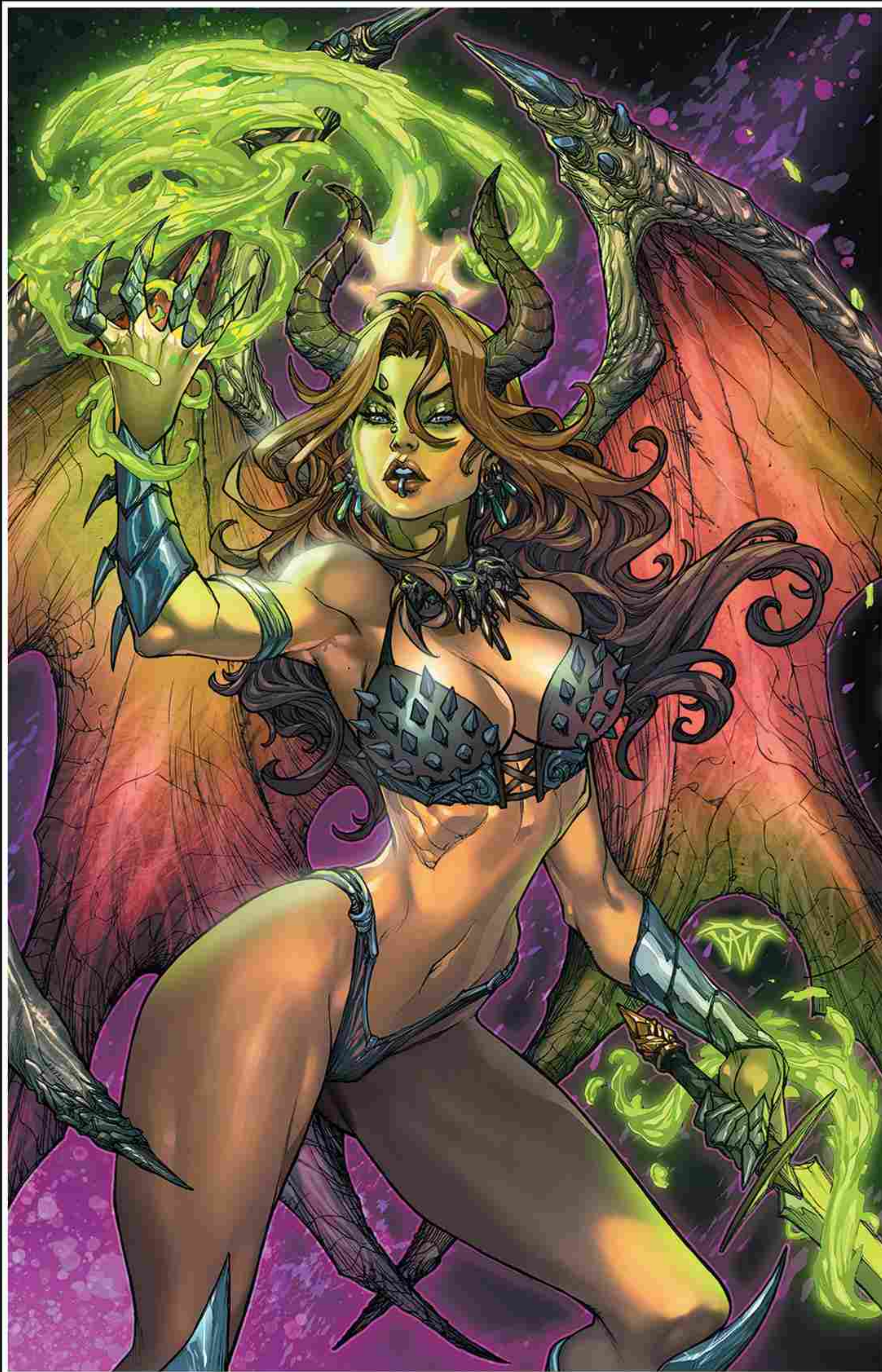


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To avenge her murdered lover, Hellwitch slaughtered a queen and burnt her own hive to the ground. She Wandered the wastelands, vanquished old enemies. She loved, and lost again. But that was then. This is now --



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